

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed members. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$3,181.99.

Programs – David Kribs

December's program was our annual Christmas party and auction. January's program is a scheduled tour of the new collections building next to the museum. We were encouraged to bring along guests for the tour. Other upcoming programs will be Billee Hornbeek's presentation about researching the town poor people. Excerpts from the History Detectives television program on research is a possibility.

Hostess – Dean Johnson

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra reviewed the new sets of CDs now available in the library: The "Corvallis Newspaper" CDs that accompany some of the Newspaper Project index, and the "Genealogical Library" set of CDs which contain 705 books. An index is available for the Genealogical Library set of CDs. Compliments followed about the numerous books in our research library.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila stated that our membership has increased to 118. Bill reminded us that others in the same family can join for the \$15 membership fee which allows each member the use of the library.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri expressed her appreciation to Susan Hayes and Billee Hornbeek for their help typing up the November newsletter. Teri is always looking for family stories and interesting articles. Family reunions will be announced as space is available in the newsletter.

Service Projects

Benton County GenWeb page – Danell Aukerman/Ron and Linda Olsen

Ron and Linda Olsen have added three new bibles including images and transcriptions to the Benton County Family Bibles web page. Currently there are 17 bibles online.

Cemeteries: Danell is working on updating the cemetery web page. She has added the Powell and King Family cemeteries.

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Officers were sworn in at the December meeting. Bill thanked the officers in appreciation for their efforts and service to the society.

We will assume that we will continue using the small meeting room at the church for our general meetings. Permission to use this room has yet to be confirmed.

The raffle may be held in February. Items for the raffle will include giving time for a particular skill such as donating time for computer work, an airplane ride as well as a handmade afghan.

New Business

Teri described the updated membership form that now includes spaces to record research information such as surnames or specific countries of interest. A discussion included ideas about how this research information would be collected and shared. The confidentiality issue was also discussed.

Gene brought up the idea of becoming a census taker for 2010. A discussion followed on the qualifications and duties of a census taker.

Health and Welfare:

Jean Grube was doing well and loves living at Stoney Brook. Danell is doing well.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be December 29, 2008

The next General meeting will be January 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary