

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, December 11, 2010**

**Call to Order – Margaret**

Margaret called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with a minor correction.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**Presidential Announcements:**

1. Bill swore in the new officers: Margaret for President and Linda for Secretary.
2. Margaret passed around e-mail information announcing a Family Tree DNA Holiday Special including a price list.
3. Margaret encouraged members to make January a “Bring a Friend to a Meeting Month”.

**Treasurer – Gene Newcomb**

Gene reviewed our income and expenses. The difference between income and expenses was \$-58.13. Our total balance is a little more than \$4,000.

**Librarian – Grace Maddux**

**Publishing – Earle Greig**

**Auditor – Bill Gleaves**

**Membership – Mary Jo**

Mary Jo reported that the current number of memberships is 42 which represents 54 total individuals. She also reminded us that January 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for memberships.

**Hospitality –**

**Programs – Susan Hayes**

December is our annual auction and Holiday Party, Shadowsmith Photographics will be the presenter in January and after the meeting he will be available for questions in the annex. Round Table Discussions on a variety of interesting topics is scheduled for February. A DVD titled “Coming of Age” which will show what the future of Family Search will look like will be presented at the March program.

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Teri was congratulated for her years of service as editor of the newsletter. Leila will be the new newsletter editor beginning in January.

**Historian – Lee Rudisil**

**Book Committee -**

**Queries -**

Linda e-mailed a marriage certificate as requested. \$10 was received.

**Service Projects**

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

Updates for the web pages:

A price increase for some books is now posted on our BCGS web page.

**Benton County Family Bibles - Ron and Linda Olsen**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 29 total

**GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen**

**Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated June 11, 2010, = 16,790 entries.**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Linda will be sending the last two newspaper microfilms to Technical Imaging Services to be digitized which will complete the long standing Newspaper Project.

**Old Business**

Margaret encouraged committees to gather together at the end of the business meeting to decide on times they could meet regularly and select someone to be the representative at the board meetings.

Margaret appealed to the members to help find a new treasurer and vice-president. Mary Jo suggested having an intern program to help gradually initiate new members into officer positions.

The Finance Committee needs to decide how the bills will get paid until a new treasurer is selected.

**New Business**

Reminder: Our January General Meeting comes earlier than usual in the new year and the Board Meeting will meet on December 27th.

**Health and Welfare:**

**Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be December 27, 2010

The next General meeting will be January 8, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings

Approved  
13 November 2010

**Benton County Genealogical Society**

**SOCIETY BY-LAWS**



**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Benton County Genealogical Society.

**ARTICLE II STATUS**

The Society is non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-political.

**ARTICLE III PURPOSES**

- To assist each other in genealogical research through association, inspiration, and mutual exchange and interaction.
- To encourage and provide for genealogical education.
- To cooperate with the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the Benton Country Historical Society in matters pertaining to genealogical research.
- To advocate for accurate research and careful documentation.
- To encourage the study of family history through mutual support and the exchange of information.
- To accumulate resource materials for the Society library.
- To assist in the preservation and publication of local history.

**ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

- Section A Membership in the Society is open to any person interested in genealogical research.
- Charter Membership closed 1 January 1972.
  - Annual Membership may be granted either as individual or family. All members shall have equal rights and privileges.
  - Complementary Membership may be granted to non-members who present a program at the General Meeting.
- Section B Benefits of Membership include:
- Library use during open hours
  - Book checkout privileges
  - Newsletter as published
  - Voting rights at business meetings
  - Program access

**ARTICLE V FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year is from September 1 through August 31.

**ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

- Section A General meetings shall be held the second Saturday of each month from September to June.

- Section B Board meetings shall be held prior to all general meetings.
- Section C Special board meetings may be called by the President or by two board members as needed.

**ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

- Section A The elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to serve for one calendar year.
- Section B The President shall:
- preside at all meetings of the society
  - appoint all committees with the approval of the Board
  - serve ex-officio as a member of all committees except the Nominating committee
  - be the official spokesperson for the Society
- Section C The Vice President shall:
- act as Program Chair
  - preside at the meetings in the absence of the President
- Section D The Secretary shall:
- keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society
  - make a report of the Society minutes at each meeting
  - handle all communications deemed necessary
- Section E The Treasurer shall:
- receive all monies and make disbursements as approved by the Board of Directors
  - serve as chair of the Finance Committee
  - make a report of financial standing at each meeting
  - prepare an annual budget for board approval
  - prepare account books for an annual audit

**ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section A The Board of Directors shall consist of elected officers of the Society, Committee Chairs and immediate Past President.
- Section B The Board of Directors shall set Society policies and shall control and manage affairs and funds of the Society.
- Section C A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of the majority of the members of the Board.

**ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES**

- Section A The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have the power of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board of Directors, except that the Executive Committee is not empowered to make changes in Society policies.
- Section B The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Standing committees. The Standing committees shall be Finance, Nominating,