

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, December 13, 2014

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members.

Minutes– Linda The November 8, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. The next General Meeting is January 10, 2014, 10:00am with a tour at 11:00am of the Benton County Historical Museum.
- b. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 10:00am to noon at the Philomath Library.
- c. Ron announced that ballots are available for last minute voting of new officers. Ballots will be counted today and results announced. New officers will be installed in January.

Past President - Faye

Vice President/Programs-- Katie

- *December is our annual holiday Auction and potluck.
- *January's program is a tour of the Benton County Historical Society and Museum facilities.
- *February's program is in process.
- *The program for March 2015 will be on DNA presented by Emily Aulicino.

Committee Reports

Membership: Mary Jo reminded the members that it's time to pay dues for 2015. Memberships in our society are for the calendar year, January to December. Membership dues payments may be paid to Lois today. Connie Patterson will be our new Membership Chair beginning in January 2015.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer:

Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$3,988.87. Lois passed around the budget sheet for the members to review.

Publication committee

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . . Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> . . . Benton Co. Genealogical Society

1. Ron Olsen updated the society web page with the current increase in membership dues to \$20 for a single person or family and \$25 for members wanting the newsletter mailed to them.
2. We are currently looking for a new webmaster.
3. Brad was acknowledged for his skills in producing a very accomplished newsletter. Submissions for the newsletter are welcome! Send your article contributions to the president, Ron DeYoung.

Library Committee -

Librarian:

1. Sue invited the members to explore the society library in the Annex today.
2. Sue encouraged members to participate in the once a year library inventory which really helps

members become familiar with all the many items available in our society library.

Historian: Faye is updating our society scrapbooks and would like help identifying people in photos. Post-it notes will be available to write notes. Post them beside a photo, and Faye will add the names.

Photographer: Faye

Unfinished Business

Officers elected for 2015 will be installed at the January meeting.

President - Ron DeYoung

Vice President - Katie Ross

Secretary - Linda Olsen

Treasurer - Lois Courtney

New Business

Ideas for family history classes that our society might offer were discussed.

1. There is some interest in offering starter genealogy classes to our membership and open them to the community as well. These classes and presentations such as the upcoming presentation at the Academy for Life Long Learning (ALL) may stimulate new members to join our society.

2. A survey will be developed to determine what type of class/classes members want and who might be willing to teach a class. If this venture is to be successful, it will take a commitment from volunteer teachers to make it happen

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, January 10, 2014, 10:00am in the church social hall, a tour of the Benton County Historical Museum facilities will follow.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary