

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday December 12, 2015**

**Call to Order – President Katie**

Katie gave an overview of the day and welcomed members.

**Minutes– Linda** The November 14, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President - Katie**

- a. Ron is welcoming a new great grandson and Katie is officiating today.
- b. Next General Meeting is Saturday January 9, 10:00am with our program at 11:00am.
- c. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday January 5, 10:00am-noon at the Philomath Library.  
**All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.**
- d. Volunteers are needed for new officers and appointed positions for 2016.
- e. Ballots are available to vote today and will be counted after the General Meeting.
- f. Installation of new officers will be held in January.

**Past President - Faye**

**Vice President/Programs-- Katie**

\*December will be our annual holiday auction and potluck.

\*Katie collected program surveys which were handed out at the November meeting.

\*January's program is in process.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Connie reported that we have 33 paid memberships. Members may give Connie their membership forms and payment for dues today.

Connie counted the ballots today and all current officers were unanimously elected for another year.

President - Ron DeYoung

Vice President - Katie Ross

Treasurer - Lois Courtney

Secretary - Linda Olsen

**Treasurer / Finance Committee**

**Treasurer:** Lois reported via e-mail: Our year-to-date report: Expenses exceeded income by \$373 for rent payments of \$600 to the Museum for use of the Annex, and \$200 to the church for use of the meeting room.

**Publication committee**

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

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1. **Web page:** Linda would like to add Old Recipes to our society web page. If you have old family recipes that you would like to see posted on our BCGS web page, please give Linda a copy.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter submissions to Ron. Give Ron a copy or send him an e-mail with articles you have written or found on family research, tips or research successes, upcoming conferences or a conference you attended and other items of genealogical interest.

3. **Facebook page:** Sue added information on the society Facebook page telling about the December auction and potluck. **Come for the fun, stay for the food!** She reported that there are now 98 "Likes" on our Facebook page.

## **Library Committee -**

Librarian: Sue

Sue announced the writing class will be meeting in the Annex on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Members who wish to may share their writing from the previous assignment. Sue encouraged all members to attend.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need a photographer for 2016. Please volunteer.

## **Unfinished Business**

The next Writing class will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Annex.

## **New Business**

Please fill out your program survey Katie handed out earlier. This survey will provide ideas for meaningful future programs. Give your surveys to Katie to help her plan programs.

## **Other**

Susan Hayes told about Ancestry discontinuing their Family Tree Maker software effective Dec 31, 2015. RootsMagic software is recommended and RootsMagic is developing an easy interface to transition from Family Tree Maker to Rootsmagic.

Several BCGS members attend the rootsmagic users group that meets in Corvallis.

## **Next Meetings**

Board Meeting: Tuesday January 5, 2016, 10:00am to noon in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday January 9, 2016, 10:00am in the church social hall, auction at 11:00am.

## **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary