

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday December 10, 2016**

Call to Order – President Ron DeYoung

Ron welcomed members and reviewed the plans for the Holiday Auction today at 11:00am.

Minutes– Linda The November 12, 2016, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Next Board Meeting will be **Wednesday January 11, 2017**, at the Philomath Library from **12:30-2:00pm** (*Note: the day and time of the Board Meetings has been changed.*)
All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.
- b. Next General Meeting will be held on Saturday **January 14, 2017**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. Ron announced that the annual Holiday Auction will be at 11:00am today and a potluck will follow.
- d. Voting for the 2017 officers will be held today and results announced.
- e. Discussed the concept of offering beginning genealogy classes. See New Business.

Past President - Faye

Vice President - Katie Ross

Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

Linda reviewed the scheduled programs and future programs under discussion.

December: Holiday Auction and potluck today

January: Judy Juntunen will talk about the unique qualities of Camp Polk Cemetery in Eastern Oregon.

February: George Davidson will demonstrate our new society web page and Legacy software.

Future 2017 Programs

Hannah Allan agreed to present a program in May. "Putting History in Family History."

Don Anderson agreed to present a program in the spring. No date set.

Please fill out the Program Survey form and/or let Linda or Maridee know what sort of programs you would most like to see.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we currently have 32 memberships. She has membership forms, ballots for voting and the number cards to use for the auction to handout today. Ballots must be returned to Connie for her to announce the final results for the 2017 officers.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer: Lois reviewed our income and expenses and reported that our current balance is \$5,215.16. Lois explained that our largest expense of the year is due for the space we use in the Annex and the church social hall, but we are still doing well.

Publication Committee

Web pages:

New BCGS web page is in progress www.bcgs-oregon.org Take a look!

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

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> **old BCGS web page**

1. **New Web page:**

Thanks to George's effort, we now have 42 newsletters posted on our new web site. After a brief discussion, the majority of opinions felt sharing our newsletters online was more of an incentive to join our society than giving the newsletters away for free.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter submissions to Ron DeYoung.

3. **Facebook page:** Take a look at our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

Library Committee -

Librarian: Sue announced that the duplicate library books on the table were for sale at the auction and members are to write in the amount of their donation for each book on the sign up sheet.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need a society photographer for 2017.

Unfinished Business

Voting for new officers was held at the December General Meeting December 10, 2016.

Unanimously elected are the following officers for 2017:

President - George Davidson

Treasurer - Lois Courtney

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Secretary - Linda Olsen

New Business

Ron spoke about the concept of combining mentoring and beginning genealogy classes. It would be helping members to get started with genealogy and possibly bring in new members too. It would be held in the Annex on Saturdays when our library is open and could include such activities as a field trip to the Family History Center. Advertising classes in the Philomath Express and the Corvallis Gazette Times was also mentioned. To make this happen we would need members to participate as mentors. Also class materials would need to be developed.

Susan Hayes talked about the "Stepping Stones" program offered in Seattle.

Other

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday January 11, 2017, 12:30am to 2:00pm in the Philomath Library

General: Saturday January 14, 2017, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary