

Minutes of February 10, 2001, General Meeting

The meeting was opened at 10:04 a.m. by President Danell Aukerman.

The minutes were read by Charlene Talbot substituting for Secretary Terri Green.

Gene Newcomb read the treasurer's report, which showed a temporary negative balance of \$3.98. He reported that the separate account kept in regard to publishing project of the Benton County Marriage Records, and the WPA documents is well in the black.

Bill Gleaves, program chairman, has a program planned for April, "Aviation history of Benton County. The March meeting program is not firmed up yet.

Danell Aukerman announced that she was hoping for volunteers for committee chairs to come forward, but it didn't happen. We used to have a committee for field trips. A volunteer was requested, but no one came forward. Charlene Talbot volunteered to fill in for Secretary Terri Greene for the next two months, when Terri's time will be taken up with income tax work.

Committee reports were given. Eleven books have been returned to the library, thanks to Ken Bielman, librarian.

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Damaris Reynolds reported that the book committee will be meeting during the next week. The library now has ~~the complete~~ 1870 census index on CDs. Also, the society will welcome any genealogy books that individuals may wish to hand on for whatever reason.

Two queries came to the Benton Co. Museum. One on harness racing in Benton County, and one wanting to know where the Reed family lived. A question came up as to the exact location of Harmony Flats, near Alsea. Someone is also searching for a married Dimmick.

Danell Aukerman had WPA packets, some to be transcribed, some to be proofread, and some with drawings that will need to be scanned.

No report on the Corvallis Gazette-Times obituary project.

No report on the surname file.

A discussion was held on the changes needed in the by-laws: the date of the treasurer's audit; changes to the by-laws themselves; and the society's non-profit status.

Dave Kribs was appointed to check up on the non-profit status. Ed Stratton was appointed chairman to revise the by-laws.

Lee Gentemann had a question about preparing to advertise the books for sale -- Benton Co. Marriages and the WPA documents in print. He has learned that by giving a copy of these books to Everton Publishers and Higginson Purlishers, they will list our books in their

catalog. There is some question about the Cemetery Books. Higginson claims they do not have them in their catalog although they allowed the Society to choose a certain number of books from their catalog in return for the privilege of publishing the Benton County Cemetery books.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Talbot

We are doing newspapers from 1865 - 1926