

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved. Bill welcomed everyone.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses. Rental fees for the Annex and general meeting room accounted for a once a year expense of \$727.88. Our balance is \$3,991.50.

Programs – David Kribs

Today, our program on Oregon Historic Cemeteries will be presented by Kuri Gill.

Creative Memories is tentatively scheduled for the March program.

Contact Bill or Dave if you have ideas for future programs.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

A new book donated to the BCGS Library by Earle Greig is now available for check out. **Here Shall I Die Ashore** tells the extraordinary adventures of Stephen Hopkins, a Mayflower Pilgrim and survivor.

Library shelf lists are still available in printed form or on CD.

The computer in the library is working well. A rolling book shelf is being considered for the library to help with much needed space and organization for our ever-growing library.

Bill encouraged members to submit ancestral files to the library.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila brought copies of our membership list to hand out.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Several new books are being ordered.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Subscribing to our BCGS newsletter online is encouraged to help reduce our copying and mailing expenses. Teri is always searching for articles to publish. Please put BCGS in the subject line if you send her articles by e-mail.

Saturday at 5:00pm one week prior to our general meeting is the deadline to submit articles for the next newsletter.

Service Projects

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

Linda announced that several more bible transcriptions and their images have been added to the "Benton County Family Bibles" web site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm>

Transcriptions of your family names and dates is appreciated. Contact Linda for more information.

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

One reel left to adopt. Anyone interested in adopting it if it were on a CD?

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

DNA kits – If you need boxes to mail back your kits, they are available from the Sorenson Foundation. Using bubble wrap, padded envelopes are approved also. Discussion followed about the type of results that can be expected. Anticipated results from the DNA samples will be in the form of migration maps with your most likely ancestral patterns marked.

Ed told about the Family Tree migration maps. Bill mentioned that Emily Alicino usually gives out discount coupons associated with her presentations and newsletter on DNA.

Bill announced that various society subscriptions such as the “Genealogical Helper” will be continued if members consider them helpful, so give him feedback.

New Business

Gene announced the Casino night at CH2MHill which is as a fund raiser for the museum. Also the museum is offering Day Trips to various sights in Oregon. This information will be posted. One of the Day Trips offered through the museum was to the Evergreen Museum. Bill told about visiting the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville which houses the famous Howard Hughes Spruce Goose and other vintage airplanes. The Evergreen Museum was built specifically to accommodate this huge historical aircraft.

Margaret Fox announced that brochures for the Benton County self-guided tour are available in the Annex and at the museum. Margaret also asked about the possibility of research trips as a group activity for our society. Trips in the past have been successful when there is enough enthusiasm.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 25, 2008

The next General meeting will be Saturday, March 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary