

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, February 13, 2010

Call to Order – Margaret Fox

Margaret called the meeting to order and welcomed members, guests and a new member, Glen Jones.

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Treasurer – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed our income and expenses and our current balance is about \$3,000.

Librarian – Grace Maddux

Margaret mentioned several books had been donated to our BCGS library and encouraged members to donate their “already-read” genealogical materials to our library.

Publishing – Earle Greig

Auditor – Bill Gleaves

Membership – Sandra Potter

Sandra reported that we have a total of 61 memberships which represents more than 61 individual members because a membership may include more than one person in a family.

Hospitality – Dean Johnson

Programs – Susan Hayes

Margaret previewed our program today on Heraldry presented by Jonathan Hayes. Margaret also listed our scheduled programs from now until the fall which includes topics on preservation of your history and your photographs, a Civil War in Oregon presentation, our annual potluck in June, a show and tell in September and a tour of the OSU Archives Collection in October. A Raffle is scheduled in April.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

No report

Queries -

Linda reviewed the several queries received since the last meeting. Matthew Martel requested a contact person for North Palestine Church and Cemetery and Chris Stanturf requested information on his relative's burial at Alsea. The queries were answered satisfactorily.

Historian – Lee Rudisil

Lee requested members look through the society's photo album that she had brought to the meeting to help her identify several photographs of members taken recently.

Book Committee - Dean Hart

No report

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages:

Linda reported the names of contact people for the BCGS web page have been updated. Copies of the

Benton County Genealogical Society web page and the Benton County Gen Web page were distributed. Members were encouraged to utilize the resources available on the web sites.

Benton County Family Bibles

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm>

Updated February 12, 2010, to include 29 bibles.

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated May 31, 2009, - 15,500 entries

Thank you to Nancy DeBoie for volunteering to adopt a newspaper microfilm to index.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Old Business

New Business

Margaret acknowledged Linda Olsen and Kay Danley for their service to the good of the society.

Margaret also acknowledged past officers who were present at the meeting for their years of service.

Currently, no one is actively organizing field trips, but Margaret will try to inform members of opportunities. Margaret encouraged all members to participate in field trips. Coming up soon is the Genealogical Form of Oregon Spring Seminar held on April 24, 2010, in Portland. A flyer was passed around. Contact Margaret if you are interested.

Bill encouraged members to attend the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 28 – May 1, 2010. Accommodations are very reasonable and early bird specials are now available.

Two up coming television series are highlighting genealogy research featuring celebrities:

1. The **Faces of America** series began Feb 10 – Mar 3, 8:00pm ET on PBS
2. **“Who Do You Think You Are?”** series is beginning Friday, March 5th, 8:00pm on NBC.

Glen Jones, our newest member, is the Education Director for the Clark County Washington Genealogical Society. He told about himself and his family connection to Benton County. He announced the Spring Seminar to be held at Clark County Genealogical Society CCGS on May 1, 2010.

Buy your Raffle tickets now for the upcoming Raffle in April. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Prizes include a one-hour plane ride, one-hour of computer or camera help, or a wooden vase handmade by John Martsching. If you would like to donate an item to the raffle, contact Susan Hayes.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be March 1, 2010

The next General meeting will be March 13, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings