

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Benton County Genealogical Society, 11 January 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Danell Auckerman, president, began the meeting with several announcements. The Secretary of the Society, Jim Russell, was not present because of the death of his wife, Myrtle Russell. Danell also reported the death of member Dale Moss. Betty Swan, another member, was having surgery that day. Danell also announced the opening of her bookstore: The Village Genealogy Bookshop. She then read the minutes for the December meeting. Charlene Talbot agreed to take minutes for the current meeting.

Gene Newcomb, treasurer, reported that he has paid the yearly fees to the museum ~~for our use of the museum annex, giving the Society a short-term deficit of \$405.17.~~

Bill Gleaves, program chairman, was absent.

The hostess, Margaret Hays, reported that the cookie requests are all filled through the end of June.

Ken Bielman, librarian, reported that most of the new shelves have been installed in the Annex. The books we received from the Harding estate are to be placed there. It was suggested they be called the Harding Collection. Ken is donating two additional bookshelves for this area.

Restrictions of time limits have been removed on the group of CDs donated by Gene Newcomb. *check-out*

A discussion followed on where to put the revolving bookstand, which has had to be removed from the library in order to plug in the new computer and printer.

The Book Committee had no report.

There have been no new queries to report on.

There was no Newsletter report as editor Teri Greene was absent.

Mary Hardenbrook was not present to report on the Society's activities and travel. President Danell Auckerman said the field trip to the Linn County Society's meeting the previous Saturday was attended by twelve members from Benton County. Their library room is larger than ours, but their book collection is not as ~~big~~ large.

Jim Russell being absent, there was no report on the surname file.

Charlene Talbot said the the Benton County Newspapers project now has about 850 names of marriages, births, and obituaries extracted toward the next addendum.

As to old business, the printer/scanner donated by Leon Stratton has been hooked up to the computer and is in working order.

New business concerned a proposed book exchange with other societies for the month of May, to be held in our meeting hall. This arises because some of the books from the Harding Collection are duplicates of books the Society already owns. Gene Newcomb agreed to check to make sure the room would be available in May. It was suggested that Ebay be consulted for pricing.

Damaris Reynolds reported on the newly formed Oregon Cultural Trust and the tax credit available if contributions are made to other cultural organizations and the Trust. The idea was put forward of applying to them for a grant to help fund the cost of using other documents to replace the 1890 Census.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.