

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, January 10, 2009**

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

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

**Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb**

Gene reviewed the income and expenses for the month. Our current balance is \$3,014.96.

**Programs – David Kribs**

In January we toured the new collections facility guided by Ross Sutherland, the Collections Storage Specialist, at the Benton County Historical Museum. February and March programs will be "How to do your own research" excerpts from the History Detectives and a presentation by Billie Hornbeek about researching the town poor people. Send ideas for future programs to either Dave Kribs or Bill Gleaves.

**Host – Dean Johnson**

**Librarian – Sandra Potter**

Sandra announced that updated library shelf lists are now available for a small fee as printed copies or on a CD. Sandra also distributes the shelf lists to our local libraries. Linda and Ron Olsen will look into updating the shelf list online.

**Membership – Leila**

Bill reported that several new members had signed up this month. He also encouraged us to get the word out about our society to stimulate interest, especially to call attention to our exceptional library resources.

**Library Schedule - Lee**

**Publishing –Earle Greig**

**Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds**

**Queries -**

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Bill commented that forwarding information to Teri via e-mail such as other genealogical newsletters is very helpful. Teri selects articles of interest from other newsletters to add to our newsletter. Teri is always looking for family stories or other interesting items and tips to publish. Bill pointed out the article in the January newsletter about "German Research" and told a story as an example of Germany's notorious record keeping skill which led to the recovery of priceless art objects from WWII.

Bill encouraged all members to receive their newsletter by e-mail if possible.

## **Service Projects**

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

**GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen**

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

## **Old Business**

Raffle tickets were sold at the meeting and Bill reviewed the four items to be given as prizes: Handmade white afghan, large framed genealogy chart, computer time, and an airplane ride.

We will continue holding our general meetings in the Fireside room.

Gene emphasized again that the genealogical DNA sample follow-up may be found at

[www.smfg.org](http://www.smfg.org) or you can Google Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. If anyone needs help in finding their results, Gene is available to help you.

## **New Business**

A discussion surrounding small discussion groups on various genealogical topics generated a lot of interest. We use to do this round table style sharing, and comments on doing it again produced positive responses.

### Round table group topics may include:

English Genealogy led by Susan Hayes, Adoption research and recording the data, Best new web sites for research, Passenger Lists—where to find them, Pioneer diaries and wagon train immigrant lists, Military diaries and experiences.

### Specific books mentioned:

Billie Hornbeek recommended: Covered Wagon Women by Professor Holmes in 9 volumes which includes a comprehensive index.

Dorothy Brandner recommended a manuscript of first person interviews of women who had crossed the plains.

There are also several books on tape available at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library about wagon train stories.

## **Health and Welfare:**

## **Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be February 2, 2008

The next General meeting will be February 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary