

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 8, 2011**

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret called the meeting to order and welcomed society members.

Minutes– Linda Olsen

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President

1. Margaret announced that the treasurer position has two tentative possibilities and is in the selection process. Also being discussed is distributing duties amongst the various Finance Committee members
2. A Program Committee has been created. Again responsibilities for this position may be distributed between committee members. A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone interested in serving on the program committee. Susan explained that out of the 10 programs we offer, June, September and December are standing programs with a June potluck, September sharing time and December Christmas party. That leaves only 7 programs to plan, two of which could be paid presenters. Bill mentioned that authors of history books make good speakers even though they wish to promote their book. A list of speakers is already available.
3. Leila was congratulated on the sleek, new, modern newsletter.
4. Margaret invited members to attend the Writers Group which meets in the Annex on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00pm. They will review a book from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

Past President Bill indicated that the Audit Committee will meet soon.

Vice President – no report

Treasurer

Gene announced that he is handling the treasurer's responsibilities for now.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet soon. Margaret announced that a new society brochure will be ready for distribution soon. These new updated, yellow brochures will be distributed locally instead of newsletters. Sandra reported that there are now 54 memberships representing 72 individuals.

Library Committee

Grace asked for more volunteers for the library, especially to cover Saturdays. The library committee will discuss a date for the annual library inventory. Grace asked if the \$134 for book purchases was for the whole year; it is.

Susan suggested that the Library Committee develop a policy that outlines guidelines for the purchase of library books. The Board would then review the draft guidelines. Once the acquisition policy is approved by the Board, the Library Committee may purchase any books that fit the policy guidelines, staying within budget. Further approval by the Board would not be necessary.

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Earle will replace the new "Price Lists" for the books we offer for sale in our library and at the museum book store. The new updated lists will now match what is online on our society web page.

Newsletter: Leila asked for ideas for articles in the newsletters.

Web pages: Linda has made the following updates to our BCGS web page:

1. Updated the membership dues statement to include the \$20 fee for members who request their

newsletter be mailed rather than e-mailed.

2. Updated the research statement to read: a \$10 fee for each ½ hour of research will be charged plus 25 cents per each photocopy plus postage.
3. Updated the Book Order Form and the Price List for the books we sell and will post it online.
4. Added a statement about members receiving a 10% discount on BCGS books they purchase.
5. Added a statement about charging non-members \$5 for each use of our library.
6. Will Add the current By-Laws to our BCGS web page.
7. Will Add a membership application form to the web page

Also she mailed the last two newspaper microfilms to be digitized to Technical Imaging Systems. These last two newspaper microfilms when digitized to CDs will help complete the long standing Newspaper Indexing project posted online.

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

Program Committee

Susan sent around a list of round table discussion topics for the February program. Members were asked to select their final topic choices. Topics include: English research, Irish research, Google research, Breaking Down Brick Walls, DNA, types of genealogy software programs and others. In March the program will be a DVD titled "Coming of Age" about the future of Family Search.

Unfinished Business

The By-Laws, Policies and job descriptions will soon be available in a notebook in our library. Comments were made about charging non-members \$5 for each use of our library.

New Business

Margaret encouraged everyone to "Bring a Friend" to the round table discussion groups at our February meeting. Also all members are welcome and encouraged to attend the board meetings. Danell announced she is teaching a new genealogy class at the LBCC main campus. Genealogy: Beyond the Basics will be offered 12:00 noon - 12:50pm, on Thursdays for 6 weeks beginning January 13th in the business building.

The Generations Project: See this cable television genealogy series developed by BYU Broadcasting based at Brigham Young University in Utah. Watch the past episodes online at <http://www.byutv.org/thegenerationsproject/>

Queries:

Gene received two queries and asked if anyone present had any information on the Raines family of the 1860s or of Davin Splinter. Dorothy Brandner volunteered to look for an obituary for the Splinter family in the Lane County records.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be January 31, 2011
The next General meeting will be February 12, 2011

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary