

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members and three guests.

Minutes– Linda The December 13, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- Next General Meeting is February 14, 10:00am with program following at 11:00am.
- Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 10:00am -noon at the Philomath Library. All members are welcome to attend the BCGS Board Meetings.
- Ron recognized the many volunteers that support our society in so many ways and emphasized that we are an inclusive organization.
- Ron acknowledged Mary Jo for her years of service as outgoing Membership Chair, and recognized Connie as our new Membership Chair beginning January 10, 2015.
- Ron announced the Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) genealogy program several members will be presenting on January 29, 2015.
- Installation of officers for 2015: President - Ron DeYoung, Vice President - Katie Ross
Secretary - Linda Olsen, Treasurer - Lois Courtney

Past President - Faye

The installation of officers was formally conducted by Faye. She also asked the members present to take a pledge of support and service to the society.

Vice President/Programs - Katie

*January's program is a tour of the Benton County Historical Museum facilities.

*February's program will be interactive, country-specific, mini-group sessions for such countries as UK, Ireland, Northern France, Denmark and Sweden.

*Emily Aulicino will present an informative program on DNA in March 2015.

Katie passed around the refreshment sign-up sheet.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie, our new Membership Chair, reported that 24 members have paid. She reminded members that it's time to pay their yearly dues for 2015. Dues are \$20 per year or \$25 per year if you wish a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you. Otherwise, newsletters and the meeting minutes are e-mailed to members.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer: Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,382.54. Lois announced our proceeds from the December auction totaled \$328! She will take dues today.

Publication committee

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . . Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> . . . Benton Co. Genealogical Society

- Web pages:** Linda explained that she and her husband, Ron Olsen, will maintain the web pages. Danell's considerable efforts and contributions building our BCGS society records over the last 30 years and were acknowledged.

2. Newsletter: Brad was complimented once again for his continued production of a spectacular newsletter. He welcomes articles and other pertinent information on genealogy topics submitted by the membership. Submit your articles for publication in the newsletter to Ron.

3. Facebook: Dana Sanchez told about developing a new Facebook page for BCGS. Go to: **Benton County Genealogical Society.**

Library display: Dana also has reserved a block of time for a BCGS display at the Corvallis Public Library. The library's glass display cases are scheduled in advance for two weeks at a time. She is open to suggestions for BCGS Facebook entries and for display case items to show.

4. Book Sales: Judy Juntunen explained that she will inventory our books for sale in our BCGS library as well as the Benton County Historical Museum and reprint any that are needed. Then she would be glad to turn this responsibility over to someone else.

Library Committee

Librarian:

*Sue reported a number of books recently donated to our BCGS Library will be on the table in the Annex for viewing or check-out.

*Eventually the BCGS book list will be updated online.

*Sue noted that the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society is downsizing their extensive genealogy collection and holding a Genealogical Materials Giveaway on January 21, 2015. They are preparing to move to the Salem Public Library soon.

Sue announced the second-season-opening episode of "Genealogy Roadshow," is airing at 8p.m. Tuesday, January 13, on PBS.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: Faye

Unfinished Business

Ron read the Audit Committee report for 2013 -2014. The report acknowledged the requirements for the audit were met for the time period Sept 1, 2013, through July 8, 2014.

New Business

Ron suggested that individuals with regional or local families ties to consider writing an article for the newsletter or placing information in our library.

Other: Ted told about a book he found on the history of his ancestor Frederick Gump. The locations mentioned are Green County, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Ted donated this book to our library.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, February 14, 10:00am in the church social hall, program to follow

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary