

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed members. Minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses of the past month. Our current balance is \$3,121.05.

Programs – David Kribs

Dave announced that we would discuss Genealogy Methods for research during the program time today. Our annual potluck picnic will follow at noon in the Annex. Show and Tell will be the program for our fall meeting in September.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra announced the annual library inventory is scheduled for June 24th and 25th. Let her know if you can help. Duplicate books would probably be for sale in the fall.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila stated that our membership has increased to 114 members.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris has ordered two new books: One is an index of wills for Lancaster, PA, and the other is about what and where to find information on the Scots Irish.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

After much discussion about wireless access for our computer in the library and increased interest in computer research, Bill suggested a new section be added to the newsletter featuring Internet sites and digitized information.

Service Projects

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

Janice Barclay recently had her family bible scanned at the museum. Linda will get a copy from the museum to include on the Benton County Family Bibles web page. Discussion followed on the value of family bibles as a genealogical resource. Members shared personal experiences about finding or receiving information from family bibles.

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

The newspaper project has one last microfilm reel to adopt. Ian Mowry, a previous program presenter, was unable to help us digitize the microfilm.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Bill explained the benefits of the affiliated membership available between our Benton County Genealogical Society and the Historical Society and museum.

Bill is also working with the museum to tie into the museum's fire alarm system. Our society would pay a small premium for this service.

New Business

Damaris toured the new storage building and remarked about the many items included in the Horner collection. She also explained that the Annex building painting project was completed free of charge and that the building may be named after the first pastor who lived there which would give it historical significance.

Pat suggested that we purchase new blinds for the Annex library to match the ones in the meeting room of the Annex. All members and board members present agreed.

There was much discussion concerning the computer in the library and whether or not a wireless connection was feasible given the age of our computer and our limited budget. Offering more computer access to members and allowing them access to various genealogy programs versus referring them to the public library or the Family History Center was also discussed. Margaret Fox explained various wireless computer options, and she is willing to coordinate and explore computer upgrade options.

It was suggested that we have our October program at the Family History Center using their several computers to explore genealogical resources available there.

Health and Welfare:

Danell and Teri are doing well. The Grubes are well and now living at Stoneybrook.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The next General meeting will be Saturday, September 13, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary