

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, June 13, 2009**

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

Margaret welcomed members. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb**

Gene reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$3,391.35.

**Programs – David Kribs**

Dave and Margaret lead a discussion of shared ideas surrounding updated genealogical methods. Technological sources now available at home or at libraries and Family History Centers and how they add to our research possibilities were discussed. An updated list of shared ideas to assist with research will be available soon. Following the program was our annual potluck picnic. Programs in the fall will be on German and English research.

**Host – Dean Johnson**

**Librarian – Sandra Potter**

As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, the new library hours on Tuesdays will be 1:00pm to 3:30pm. The library received a new Family Tree CD and Ted Gump donated two early Linn County school photos which were passed around. Mary Gallagher has a list of volunteers to open our BCGS library on days other than Tuesdays for folks from out of town that would like to use our library.

Sandra needs volunteers to help with the annual library inventory which will begin June 30<sup>th</sup>. She also bought new window shades for the library to complete the updated interior. Dave volunteered to install them.

**Membership – Leila Crawford**

No Change

**Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil**

**Publishing –Earle Greig**

**Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds**

Damaris would like someone to assist her in selecting books to purchase for our library

**Queries -**

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Teri thanked the several members who have helped her type the newsletter. She would like to see queries published in the newsletter again as well as short stories written by our members. The numerous newsletters and announcements she receives are submitted to the library.

Teri also brought up the by-laws that indicate a nominating committee for new officers should be set up in September. Volunteers are also encouraged to participate in the society.

## **Service Projects**

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

Updates for the web pages:.

### **Benton County Family Bibles**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 21 total

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

Linda and Ron Olsen updated **The Surname References to Benton County Newspapers** on May 31, 2009. There are now over 15,500 entries.

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

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

## **Old Business**

Margaret corrected the family name of the family <sup>bible</sup>~~bible~~ which was found at a garage sale. The family name is Grant and Elizabeth Decker. This bible is now the property of the museum, and they are searching for descendants of this family.

As a follow up to discussion on where to find information on prisoners, Margaret mentioned that a list of current Benton County prisoners can be found online.

Margaret also brought photos to show from the “Stories from the Grave” project held at Crystal Lake Cemetery on May 23.

## **New Business**

Possibly in October, several county genealogy societies, including Benton County, have been invited to participate in workshops or seminars. More information will be available in September.

Gene told about his newspaper research to locate information about an early mayor of Corvallis. At first the search did not yield the information directly. On a hunch, he searched several more newspapers to find the elected mayor had died in office and the person he was searching for actually was elected mayor at least for the rest of the previous mayor’s term. He was then able to answer the query and received a \$25 donation! The Oregon Union is a very old newspaper as well as having a limited publication. His perseverance paid off.

## **Health and Welfare:**

## **Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be August 31, 2009

The next General meeting will be September 12, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary