

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, June 11, 2011**

**Call to Order – Margaret**

Margaret welcomed members.

**Minutes– Linda Olsen**

The minutes for the May meeting were approved as read. Members received the General Meeting minutes by e-mail prior to the meeting. Let Margaret know if you do not wish to receive the minutes by e-mail prior to meetings.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President – Margaret**

1. Margaret and several members reviewed the Historic Preservation Month events they attended including the Preservation Awards Ceremony held at St. Anne's (Lewisburg Grange) which recognized Earle Greig for his contributions to Kings Valley Cemetery and other historical record preservation. Faye told about the Camp Adair historic tour and the Hull Oakes tour. Bill Gleaves and Denny Haney were also involved in the Camp Adair program. Margaret passed around photos she had taken at some of the events.

2. Margaret told about her trip to the National Genealogical Society Convention in South Carolina with specific attention to the history and preservation of the Civil War submarine the Hunley and Fort Sumpter. She has many other stories to share.

**Past President – Bill**

No report

**Vice President - Program Committee**

Margaret announced today's program will be held in small groups. Members will discuss their Road Blocks and how to Break Down Brick Walls in their genealogical research. A potluck lunch will follow the program.

September is sharing your summer genealogical activities and discoveries. Nancy Basque will present a program in October. Marlene McDonald is presenting a program about her great-grandfather, William Blodgett in November. December is our annual Holiday Party, and Faye has scheduled a presenter from Camp Adair for the January 2012 program.

**Treasurer – Judy**

**Membership – Mary Jo**

Margaret announced that any membership money needs to go to Mary Jo first and donation money goes to Judy. Everyone should receive a receipt to help keep accurate records.

**Finance Committee**

Margaret reported that Judy submitted a list of expenditures and income for January through May of this year for Margaret to post in the budget. We are doing just fine financially and have not had to dip into our savings.

**Library Committee**

Grace reported that the library inventory day on June 7<sup>th</sup> went smoothly and they finished by 3:30pm. Grace and Leila thanked the volunteers for helping with the inventory. They added 183 books to the library this year. Margaret suggested bringing some of the new library books to the meetings to show and pass around.

## **Publication committee**

### **Books for Sale:**

Linda told about Earle's work on updating the Kings Valley Cemetery list of interments and identification of unknown graves. He is working with a person who is taking photos of the Kings Valley Cemetery tombstones.

### **Newsletter:**

Leila was complimented on the newsletter and handsome photos in the June issue.

### **Web pages:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>

Nothing new has been added.

## **Program Committee**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

1. Margaret asked that members start thinking about a nominating committee to select new officers in the fall.
2. Margaret told about the Arcadia Publishing Company's proposal to work with a local historian or group to produce a photographic history of Corvallis. She has checked them out and was impressed with the quality of their work. They finance production of the book and authors receive a percentage of the net profits and are able to purchase discounted books to resell at events. Nancy Basque brought several books that she had purchased from Arcadia. Members were able to view the finished product. A discussion followed about the possibilities of a similar historic project for Corvallis.
3. Margaret mentioned that the museum currently has photos on display.
4. Margaret passed around the sign up sheet for members to bring cookies following the meetings.

## **Queries**

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be August 29, 2011

The next General meeting will be September 10, 2011

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary

### **Adjournment to Program**