

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, June 9, 2012**

Call to Order – President Danell

Danell welcomed members. Our meeting was held in the Annex today.

Minutes– Linda The minutes of the 12 May 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Danell

Danell enjoyed meeting her new granddaughter in Hawaii.
Our next meeting will be in September.

Past President - Margaret - No report

Vice President / Programs - Faye

Today is our annual June potluck, then summer break. September is the time to bring us back together again and a time to share our genealogical discoveries.

Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret

Treasurer: Margaret

Mary Jo shared the treasurer's financial report. The previous balance was \$4,079.54 and our current balance is \$4,153.64.

Membership: - Mary Jo reported that we have 54 paid memberships which includes family members, complimentary and organizational members making a total of 90 members as of June 2012.

Public Relations:

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Judy

Newsletter: Margaret

Brochures: Mary Jo

Posters:

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

Linda reported receiving an e-mail from Bob Wilson of Harrisburg, a photo volunteer for Find-a-Grave. He was very complimentary about our Benton County Cemetery web page

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/Cemeteries.htm>

He had taken a digital image of the Monroe Cemetery plot map and graciously offered it to our society. The map image will be posted on our Benton County Cemetery web page. Information will also be posted, indicating that anyone wanting a photo of a headstone may find it on the Find a Grave web site <http://www.findagrave.com/>

A discussion developed around the need to update all of our Benton County Cemetery information. Our last updates were completed in 1987. Bill recommended contacting the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries to see if they could help with the surveys. He also recommended adding GPS Coordinates for the entrance to each cemetery. Contact Danell if you are interested in being the project coordinator to facilitate updating our cemetery information.

Library Committee - Grace

Librarian: Grace passed around a list of books for sale from Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. Any books ordered will be delivered in August – no shipping charges.

Sandra Potter donated the book she received as the door prize at our May program. Glad Our Paths Crossed was written by Steven Morrison, our speaker at the May program.

Library staff: Ellen thanked each of the volunteers who helped with our annual BCGS Library inventory. There is still work to do to locate the unaccounted for books. The vertical file has recently been indexed and a current shelf list is available in the library. Ellen also highlighted several books from our library and passed them around.

Historian: Nancy needs help to identify individuals in photos she has added to our society scrapbook.

Photographer:

Other

1. Gene reported that the last batch of labels brought in \$35. Save your **Flav-R-Pac** frozen food labels and **Santiam** canned food labels for this fund raising project. Deposit your food labels in the white plastic tub kept in our BCGS Library.
2. "Fold 3" which used to be "Footnote" is now offering free access to the War of 1812 records. "Fold 3" is available at The Family History Center.
3. Earle passed around information pamphlets and told about the Commander's House at PeeDee that will be moving back to it's original place at Fort Hoskins. Donations are currently needed to fund the move.

Unfinished Business

1. Books are now being relocated to the new upstairs library space in the Annex.
2. Members were reminded to sign their names in the guest book in our library as a record that our library is being used.
3. Grace reported on the availability of the Philomath Electronic Reader Board. Our genealogy meeting notices can be displayed on it for free! Faye was volunteered to follow up with the message to post.

New Business

1. The Finance Committee is working on a new budget for next year.
2. Margaret was volunteered to follow up with an announcement about our society in the upcoming Our Town publication.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 9:00am in the Annex.

The next General meeting will be Saturday, September 8, 2012, at 10:00am in the church social hall.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary