

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, June 14, 2014**

**Call to Order – President Ron**

Ron welcomed members.

**Minutes– Linda** The May 10, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President - Ron**

a. Ron invited all members to attend the fall Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, at 10:00am at the Philomath Library, and the next General Meeting on Saturday, September 13, at 10:00am at our same location in the church social hall.

b. Ron reported he had exciting news and explained that we have a signed a contract with the “Who Do You Think You Are” genealogy program folks. They will be in this area filming. Ron worked with the company and the board gave them permission to use Vol 3 of our Benton County Cemetery Records collection. There’s no guarantee that it will be used but they did promise to inform us if and when the program will be aired.

WDYTYA will be making a \$200 donation to the Benton County Historical Society and Museum on behalf of our BCGS designated for the Johnson matching fund-raiser for the new museum facility in downtown Corvallis.

This could be an opportunity for a Corvallis Gazette-Times article to promote our society.

c. Ron announced the open positions that need to be filled, and encouraged members to participate. The most immediate need is a librarian beginning in September. The Membership Chair and Society Historian and Photographer positions also need to be filled. He explained how important quality programs are to the viability of our society and asked for a volunteer to help the Program chair in her program planning duties.

d. The Nominating Committee and Audit Committees need to be appointed soon.

**Past President - Faye**

**Vice Presiden/Programs-- Katie**

\*June’s program is our annual Potluck, and the fall line-up looks quite exciting.

\*September’s program will be presented by Jane Kirkpatrick, a noted Oregon author. Her presentation will be co-sponsored with the Benton County Historical Society and Museum.

\*In October, Ken Rainwater aka Ken Real, a Lakota Sioux, will present background information about the roots of the First Nation.

\*November’s program will be Norma Jean Kearsley. Her interactive writing workshop is designed to teach us how to plan and write our family stories.

\*Katie thanked members who had helped and supported her as program chair.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Mary Jo reported that we have two new members. She also encouraged members to help publicize our dynamic programs by spreading the word by telling others and helping with tasks such as distribution of flyers and brochures, especially to advertise our fall programs.

**Treasurer / Finance Committee**

**Treasurer:** Margaret reviewed the income and expenses for May. Our current balance is \$4 371 86

## **Publication committee**

### Web pages

Books for Sale: Judy

### Newsletter:

Margaret encouraged members to browse through the newsletters we receive from other genealogy societies and also genealogy magazines that are located in our library. She emphasized that many of the articles have research based information, not just location specific information.

Brochures : Mary Jo

Posters:

## **Library Committee - Sue**

Librarian:

Historian: Faye needs volunteers to help identify individual members in photos.

Photographer:

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

Ron asked if there was interest in offering workshops and called for ideas from the members.

A variety of suggestions included:

- \*research techniques
- \*best types of computer software
- \*Internet searches
- \*e-mail Ron with any ideas for workshops

Possible structure for the workshops mentioned include: all day, all morning, once a quarter, or one hour block classes throughout the day.

### **Other**

Margaret will be at the Benton County Historical Society and Museum table at the next Saturday Farmers' Market in downtown Corvallis. She will have brochures from our society to hand out.

### **Next Meetings**

Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, September 13, 2014, 10:00am in the church social hall, program to follow

## **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary