

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday June 13, 2015**

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members.

Minutes– Linda The May 9, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Next General Meeting is Saturday September 12, 10:00am with our program at 11:00am.
- b. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday September 8, 10:00am-noon at the Philomath Library.

All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

- c. Our BCGS Library will remain open during the summer months at the usual times.
- d. Upcoming Genealogy events:

1. **Free:** July 11, 2015, 1:30pm at the Benton County Historical Museum: **At the Hearth of the Crossed Races** -- Intercultural Relations and Social Change in French Prairie, Oregon, 1812-1843.

2. August 13, 14, 15 - Northwest Genealogy Conference, Arlington, Snohomish County, Washington.
www.NwGC.org

Past President - Faye

Ron announced the writing group will meet following the potluck in the Annex. Faye has put together a list of questions and helpful suggestions to help guide the writing group meeting. Several members may interview other society members as a writing exercise. Another interview possibility is to find people who have lived in our community a long time and have been interviewed before.

Vice President/Programs - Katie

*June's program will be our annual potluck, library tours and writing group meeting.

Summer Break until September; however the library will be open

*September will be an inspirational sharing time to tell about information we have found.

*October is a tentatively scheduled program about how to add a chip to tombstones. The chip would contain our genealogical history.

*November is in process.

*December will be our annual holiday auction and potluck.

Committee Reports

Membership: Ron reported that we now have 55 memberships plus several complimentary memberships. Lois announced that new members will be able to join our society for \$10 from July to December.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer:

Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,731.20.

Publication committee

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . . Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page
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with helpful information.

2. **Newsletter:** Ron encouraged members to participate in the society by submitting Newsletter articles. Send articles or helpful tips on genealogical research to Ron for publication in our newsletter. Send him your articles by e-mail or regular mail or hand it to him at the next meeting.

Library Committee

Librarian: Sue

*The Library inventory went well and Sue thanked all the volunteers who helped. There's just a little more to do.

*The process of assessing the journals and magazines is slowly moving forward. Some will eventually be discarded and some will be kept and indexed.

*Tours of the library will be offered today following the potluck.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: Faye

Unfinished Business

*The writing group will meet following the potluck at about 12:30pm for a discussion about what the group expects to accomplish.

*Ron used an example of a recently donated box of unorganized genealogical materials that has no story or other information to tie all the charts and records together. He emphasized how important it is to compile a story that connects the ideas and genealogical records together in one family in an easy to read and understandable and personal manner.

New Business

Other

Several members shared ideas and support for a BCGS member who reported a "**Buyer Beware or possible Scam**" concerning **Genealogists.com**. Always be sure to research anyone who is promising to perform a research project for a fee. Make certain they are a legitimate business. Always ask for a complete report of what was researched and make the person accountable for the time spent whether the results was successful or not.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday September 12, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary