

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 10, 2007

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved with one correction. Leila Crawford is the person to contact if you wish to have a paper copy of the BCGS newsletter mailed to you.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene gave a detailed account of the income and expenses for the last month. The current balance is now \$4,282.46.

Programs – David Kribs

Dave announced the presenter for today is Christopher Rumbaugh from the Corvallis Benton County Library. Christopher will speak about the resources available through the library. A Civil War Re-enactment - A Woman's Point of View is scheduled for our April program. For May, the program will be about the Census of Overland Immigrant Documents. Mary Gallagher is scheduled for a presentation in November.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra showed bundles of recently donated magazines and regional genealogy newsletters that will be available for viewing in our library. The surplus books have been taken to the Friends of the Library.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila announced that the membership has increased to 112 members.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing – Danell Aukerman

Bill reported that Danell is planning a booklet for the 125th celebration of Philomath. Send ideas and materials about Philomath's founders to Danell. Volunteers may be needed to help with this project.

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris searched a Heritage Book catalog and found only a couple of new books. She has also searched for the Internet for genealogy books. A request for more information on Quakers led to the purchase of six volumes of Quaker Genealogy Records on CD. Lack of information in our library on ~~New~~ Mexico led to a discussion and suggestion to add books on ~~New~~ Mexico. Another suggestion was to purchase an updated edition of Everton's Handy Book for Genealogists. Since the replacement of books and CDs in our library would be a substantial cost, Damaris proposed insuring the library contents. Let Damaris know if you find a good book to add to our library. If you are willing to fund half of the cost of a book that would be helpful.

Queries - Danell Aukerman

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri thanked members for submitting family story articles that will be used in the next several newsletters. Teri summarized upcoming scheduled events including the Sweet Home Annual Genealogy Workshop to be held March 16 and 17. Emily Aulicino, the February presenter on DNA, will speak at the Oregon Genealogy Society Spring Seminar. The Benton County Historical Museum also has art and lecture events scheduled. The printed details of these events will be available in the annex.

Bill noted that visiting other genealogical societies and reviewing their materials can be very helpful to researchers. Damaris also encouraged members to visit other local town libraries and historical societies as well as the State Library in Salem.

Send items of genealogical interest to Teri for publication in the newsletter.

Service Projects

WPA – Danell Aukerman

Cemetery Project --

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Lee requested copies of obituaries, announcements, photos etc. appropriate for the society scrapbook.

Old Business

Health and Welfare: Best Wishes for good health were expressed for Charlene Talbot, Jean Grube, Danell's parents, and Mabelle Martsching and her husband, John.

New Business

Margaret Fox mentioned that the old railroad building in Monroe would be moved tomorrow morning at 7:00am. It will house a new library in Monroe. This led to a discussion of railroad buildings that are often salvaged and remodeled for other purposes such as Michael's Landing restaurant in Corvallis.

Bill stated that the TVA moved many historical buildings and cemeteries and rearranged the landscape in Tennessee during it's construction period.

Priscilla Crabtree commented upon the museum at Monroe that also includes genealogical information. This museum is located on the west side of main street in the middle of Monroe. It is open on Wednesday afternoons.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2007

The next General meeting will be Saturday, April 14, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Co-secretary