

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 8, 2008**

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed everyone. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene summarized the income and expenses for the last month. Our current balance is \$3,886.05.

Programs – David Kribs

Today's program will be presented by A.J. Campbell speaking on traditional and digital photo albums combined with stories and memorabilia. Tentative programs may feature "Census of Overland Emigrant Documents", researching Immigration and Naturalization, and photo restoration.

Let Dave or Bill know if you have any ideas for future programs.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter and Mary Dean Snelling

Mary Dean reported that samples of the DAR magazine "American Spirit" are available for review in the Annex following our meeting today. Also the duplicate library books will be for sale in the Annex today.

Billie Hornbeek, a new member, is donating Siuslaw Cemetery books.

Bill encouraged members to donate electronic or printed forms of their ancestry for our ancestral files which are kept in the BCGS library.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila announced that we now have 108 members. She also reviewed the importance of collecting the Flav-R-Pac and Santiam packaging labels and explained how they are used for fund raising. Bill also mentioned the OSU Thrift Shop donations that are also used as a fund raiser.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Queries -

Gene read a query seeking information about John Richard Newton Bell the only non-costumed mascot for OSU in the 1890s and who also became a preacher. Margaret Fox had just gathered information on him for a Crystal Lake Cemetery Civil War project. This request will be easily fulfilled.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri is always looking for articles of interest to publish in the newsletter.

Service Projects

Benton County GenWeb page – Danell Aukerman/Ron and Linda Olsen

Updates for the web pages:

Linda explained the process to donate your family bible pages for publication on the Benton County Family Bibles page. See new additions to the “Benton County Family Bibles” on our Benton County GenWeb page <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/>
Contact Linda for more information.

Cemetery Project --

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

One microfilm reel is left to adopt to complete this worthy project begun many years ago. Billie Hornbeek expressed interest in helping with this last reel.

Linda reviewed the Newspaper Project and the index that is produced. Names, dates and events such as births and marriages found in the newspapers are recorded and then entered into the index database online. The index is very helpful to researchers.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

DNA results was discussed. Several members have received confirmation their kit was received but no one present had yet received any results.

Bill asked for an evaluation of the Genealogical Helper and whether or not this subscription should be continued.

New Business

Fay Abraham told about a Native American web site and will bring the URL to the next meeting and also have Teri publish it in the next newsletter. A discussion about Native Americans led to discussion of the Trail of Tears. Fay said entering “Comanche Lodge” into Google brings up more information on Native Americans.

Damaris Reynolds would like someone else to take on the responsibilities for the book committee and also needs someone to store the OSU Thrift store donation items.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 28, 2008

The next General meeting will be Saturday, April 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary