

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 13, 2010

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret introduced herself and welcomed members and guests.

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Presidential Announcements:

1. Our future BCGS meetings will now be held in the church social hall.
2. Margaret acknowledged Grace Maddux and Pat Coolican for their hard work for the good of the society.
3. The Benton County Historical Museum research library will be open most Saturdays following our BCGS meetings. Usually the Historical Museum library is only open by appointment.
4. May 22nd will be the Crystal Lake Cemetery, “Stories from the Grave”, event. Contact Margaret if you are interested in participating in this Benton County Resource Commission program.

Treasurer – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses and our current balance is \$3,695.27.

Librarian – Grace Maddux

Grace reported that there are free notebooks and some books and several calendars for sale and will be available in the BCGS library following the meeting. She is currently assimilating donated items into the library. Also she is checking into better supports for the shelving in the Oregon closet.

Publishing –Earle Greig

Earle has replaced several books that have been sold.

Auditor – Bill Gleaves

Membership – Sandra Potter

Currently, there are 61 memberships that include 79 individuals.

Hospitality – Dean Johnson

Dean reassured us that the volunteers who provide cookies after the meetings are covered for the rest of this year.

Programs – Susan Hayes

Susan reviewed the future programs scheduled through the fall: Civil War in Oregon reenactment, preserving your photographs, June potluck, show and tell in September and a tour of the OSU Archives Collection in October.

Susan tallied the results of the interest survey requested at the January meeting. The top items on the survey list were:

1. “How to” programs
2. Social History
3. Programs to entertain

Our current scheduled program selections are right on target.

Susan also asked us to write down the genealogy software members are using. This information will also help in the selection process for future programs.

Raffle tickets are now available from Gene. Two more items have been added to the raffle prizes: a

British Atlas, and a \$25 gift certificate to Staples. Other prizes include a one hour plan ride, one hour of computer or camera time, and a wooden vase.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Margaret noted that Teri needs family stories and genealogical articles to publish in the newsletter.

Historian – Lee Rudisil

Book Committee - Dean Hart

Dean would like genealogy magazines, especially those that have ads for genealogy books for sale.

Queries -

Linda forwarded one query to Danell that had asked for more information on individuals listed on the Pioneer Database. She received several post-ems to the Pioneer Database. Gene had a query requesting obituaries.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages: New names of contact people for BCGS web page have been updated.

Benton County Family Bibles

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 29 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated May 31, 2009, - 15,500 entries

Linda is half done with transcribing the next 1,000 names to the Newspaper index project.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Old Business

Ted Gump had a question about how to copy the Metzger maps. A discussion developed about copyright laws. It was decided that more research on this topic is needed.

New Business

Only books designated for check out may be checked out of our BCGS library. Everything else stays in the library to be used as reference.

A curious thing happened. When Earle Greig wrote to Ashtabula County, Ohio, for information, they referred him to Linda Olsen who is also researching the surname of Allen.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be March 29, 2010

The next General meeting will be April 10, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings