

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 12, 2011**

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

Minutes, read, amendments or corrections:

Susan read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President

1. A room in the Historical Museum was named for Damaris Reynolds to honor her many years of service and contributions to the Benton County Historical Society and Museum.
2. Margaret recommended the lecture series now being offered through the museum. She reviewed the several lectures she attended.

Program Committee

The March program is "Coming of Age"—a DVD about the future look of Family Search presented by the 2010 National Genealogical Society Conference. This is the last scheduled program that Susan has planned. Margaret showed the notebook that Susan put together to facilitate program presenters. Susan described the contents of the notebook which includes checklists, details and tips. Planning non-speaker programs is also included. It's designed to make planning programs as easy as possible. Susan will be available to consult with members planning a program. Susan was also acknowledged for her past service and planning excellent programs.

Margaret reviewed the program for next month which will be about the "Japanese American Experience" in Oregon. Future programs are scheduled into January. Beverly Whitmore is scheduled for the May program, June is the annual picnic and September is the annual sharing time about what genealogical information members found over the summer. Nancy Basque offered to be responsible for the October program. Marlene McDonald is scheduled in November to speak about the "Every Day Oregonian." December is the annual Holiday Party. Other program topics suggested included presentations or re-enactments on WWII and Abraham Lincoln.

Treasurer/Finance Committee

There was no financial report, but Gene reported the treasurer's books have been transferred to Judy Juntunen. He also reported that the \$200 grant received from Honoring Your Ancestors will replenish the budget and will cover the expense of digitizing the last two newspaper microfilm reels for the Newspaper Project with some money left over. Margaret reported that Judy cannot attend most of the Saturday meetings and that Gene has agreed to be on-hand at the General Meetings on Saturdays.

There are now 78 individual memberships.

Library Committee

Leila told about helping the library committee purge old newsletters in the library and then noticed a missing notebook--Vol II of the Marriage Certificate volumes which may have been borrowed from the library and will hopefully be returned.

Members of the library committee have divided up the various required library duties which makes the work load much easier.

Books will be purchased in honor of two members who recently passed away.

Publication Committee

Newsletter: Leila told about her experience putting together the newsletter and how much help she's received from members who have submitted articles to be published. She took photos of those at the meeting to publish in the newsletter.

Audit Committee

It was noted that the Audit we do is more technically defined as a review. A brief discussion developed around whether the Audit should be called a review instead of an Audit. The general opinion was to leave it as it is and call it an Audit.

The current Audit is nearly complete.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Lee has added the two recent obituaries for past members to the Society History scrapbook. Snacks were assigned and the donation "kitty" was discussed. Is it necessary to have a "kitty" to supplement party supplies such as coffee, paper plates and napkins?

Queries

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be March 28, 2011

The next General meeting will be April 9, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary
[audio transcription]

Adjournment to Program