

MINUTES
OF THE
BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Grotefeld

April Income	\$71.76
April Expenses	\$349.76

Balance (including checking and money market account - \$3,209.94

Hostess – Margaret Hays – Everything okay.

Library – Librarian not present. There is a report in the Newsletter about new books and about the new bookcase in the dining room, which contains numbered notebooks of materials from the circular rack in the library, freeing up room for more books. Members can buy items of little value which are now in the circular rack. An extra copy of the Directory of Morticians was sold to Fran Grotefeld.

Publishing – Lee Gentemann – Linn County Genealogical Society will buy volume #5 of our cemetery books. Nothing else to report.

Book Committee – Damaris Reynolds – New books are as listed in the Newsletter; and we also have a couple more. Suggestion was made to buy a book in memory of Becky Kiger – donations would be welcomed. President Danell (and others) attended Becky's memorial service last Tuesday. Danell extended condolences to Becky's daughters on behalf of the Society.

Queries – Mabelle Martsching – There have been several queries, including the names Fleming, Baldwin, Taylor, Helms, McFadden, Moses, and Huard. Members decided to include a price on the Web page for researching obituaries - \$10.00 if the date and place of death is known; with added research for a fee to be determined. Mention was made that what is known as the "obituary project" also includes marriages and other mentions of names found in the newspapers.

Membership – Tonya Rawie – We now have a total of 158 members. Tonya asked that members keep her informed of name or address changes, e-mail address changes, etc.

Newsletter – No report.

Activities – Mary Hardenbrook – There was a good turnout for the trip to Toledo, and the carpooling worked out very well. The next trip will be to Sweet Home on June 12th - the fee of \$10.00 must be paid **in advance**. There was discussion of a trip to the University of Oregon ~~State~~ Library in September, probably the week of the 16th. The library is a repository for all newspapers published in Oregon.

Service Projects – Danell Auckerman – Bill and Jeralynn Berry have scanned all of the WPA papers – some 1600 pages.

Old Business – We need to schedule a trip to the Bellfountain Cemetery to update the records. Danell will get in touch with Dorothy Burt.

The project of scanning the Oregon biographical cards at the Oregon State Library has been cancelled.

New Business - A “thank-you” for the \$200.00 donation toward the purchase of census records was received from the Corvallis Benton County Library.

James David Vance has donated a book entitled “Kiger Island” to the Society – memoirs of his grandfather Fred E. Gates. The book committee chairwoman will write a thank-you note.

Mention was made of the book sale at the June meeting. Damaris is scheduling volunteers at the downtown Benton County Historical Building for a Smithsonian exhibit which will run from 29 June through 8 August.

A card was passed around for Betty Brummett, who has needed to have a pace-maker installed.

Earle Greig mentioned a King Family Reunion which will be held June 22nd at the Kings Valley School.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 o’clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean B. Grube
Secretary pro tem