

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, May 12, 2007

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses for the last month and reported the current balance is \$3,994.22

Programs – David Kribs

Dave announced our program presenter today is Ron Thiesen who will speak about what's happening at the Historical Museum. Our annual potluck picnic and book sale will take place at the June meeting. Suggestions for future programs are always welcome.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra reported one volunteer is working on the Family Bible Records Project in cooperation with the Benton County Historical Society's collection.

Also volunteers are needed for this year's library inventory scheduled for June 25th-29th.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing – Danell Aukerman

Marlene McDonald is writing a book on the founding of Philomath and asked about a deadline for this project which will honor Philomath's 125th celebration. She needs volunteers to help her verify dates and also someone to help with scanning photos to make them publisher ready.

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris noted that diminishing membership is currently being experienced in many organizations for various reasons. She is currently researching resources on Texas and Iowa. Few published sources exist for these states. To help expand our library offerings for these states, she ordered a new book listing records available in Texas and where they are located. She discovered very little genealogical information is available for Iowa.

Queries - Danell Aukerman

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri stated that if we have not received a newsletter by the Wednesday evening before our monthly meeting to let her know by phone. Articles submitted to Teri via e-mail should have

BCGS typed in the e-mail subject line.

Teri noted that the Philomath Chamber of Commerce requested copies of our monthly newsletters.

Service Projects

WPA – Danelle Aukerman

Cemetery Project --

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Linda reported that we need two more volunteers to adopt newspaper reels to complete this long term project. One thousand more names have been added to the Benton County Web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/> Click on “Surname References to Benton County Newspapers.”

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Gene mentioned that parking may be a continuing problem as the construction of the Benton County Historical Museum storage facility progresses. There is still no heat in the annex, however, the electricity is on. Food items for the potluck in June may be refrigerated or heated in the electric stove and microwave.

Health and Welfare: Best wishes for good health are extended to Charlene Talbot who is feeling better, Jean Grube, Danell’s parents and Maybelle and John Martsching.

New Business

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The next General meeting will be Saturday, June 9, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary