

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed members and guests. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the past month's income and expenses. Our current balance is \$3,159.04.

Programs – David Kribs

Dave gave a preview of today's presentation on photo restoration and preservation by Ian Mowry. Our June meeting will be a show and tell session of current web sites, books and methods. Our annual potluck picnic will follow our June meeting. Show and Tell will be the program for our fall meeting, September 13, 2008.

Ideas for the June meeting on "Current Genealogy Methods 2008" include: Relatives are still the best resource, Getting on the Internet, Books and Libraries, and Family History Centers.

Ian, our guest presenter, suggested we set up a community bulletin board in our library to post great research techniques and web sites.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Dave passed around a cookie sign up sheet.

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra announced that the annual library inventory will take place on June 24th. If you can help, let Sandra know. The library books are now organized into more logical groupings. Expandable binders are needed for the library to replace some bulkier 3-ring binders.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila said our membership has remained at 111.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

No new books have been ordered. It was noted that we have no books on Russian or Eastern European genealogy in our library.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Bill complimented Teri on the quality of our newsletter. She is always looking for genealogy information to include in the newsletter. E-mail her with articles or information. Let Leila or Bill know if you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail. Bill emphasized how helpful it is when members are able to receive their newsletter via e-mail.

A discussion followed about ways to reduce newsletter expenses such as asking members to make a small donation if they need to receive their newsletter by mail or by having members provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes for mailing newsletters. A general opinion favored raising the dues by a nominal amount.

Service Projects

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

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Linda and Ron Olsen have updated the “Surname References to Benton County Newspapers” with another 1,000 names for a total of 14,403 total entries. Corrections were also made.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/>

There is one newspaper microfilm reel left to adopt which would complete this project.

Digitizing microfilm is quite expensive. Dave explained that our presenter, Ian Mowry, will take a look at the reel to determine if he might be able to digitize our microfilm to a CD.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Cemetery Project --

Old Business

Check online for your DNA test results. Bill reviewed some of the many DNA projects that are going on. See this month's, May 2008, newsletter for more detailed information in the several articles on DNA .

Discussion followed about the legislation now being considered to restrict or expand DNA results. Questions have developed around restricting DNA in situations that may be considered discriminatory or relaxing DNA access for medical purposes.

Bill reviewed again the affiliated membership now available between the Benton County Genealogical Society and the Benton County Historical Society and Museum.

New Business

Fire insurance on the contents of our library was discussed. It is quite expensive and it was decided to hold off for now, considering the Philomath Fire Department is next door. It was brought to our attention that more affordable fire insurance may be available through the Federation of Genealogy Societies (FGS).

A discussion followed on different types of sprinkler or fire retardant systems that would be appropriate for the library.

Margaret Fox extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Memorial Day services held at the Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Health and Welfare:

Danell, Charlene, and Teri are all doing well.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be June 2, 2008

The next General meeting will be June 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Co-secretary