

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, May 9, 2009**

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed everyone, and the minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Bill reviewed the income and expenses for the month. Our current balance is \$3,608.16

Programs – David Kribs

For May's program, we viewed "The Orphan Trains" about thousands of neglected or orphaned children from NY who traveled by train to find new homes in the West - 1850 to 1926. Also Dave reviewed the book Charlene Talbot authored on this topic, An Orphan for Nebraska.

Ed Stratton also shared his research on the orphan train records.

Our June program will be a discussion and sharing of modern genealogical methods followed by our annual potluck picnic. After summer break, programs on English and German research are tentatively scheduled for the fall.

Host – Dean Johnson

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra brought new books to show: Conversations by Fred Lockley and Social Networking. Newsletters with great articles are also available in our library. To follow up the interest in prisoner information from the April meeting, she also brought a copy of Beaver Briefs which lists prisoners for 1899-1903. More duplicate books are for sale following the meeting. Sandra also reminded us to be sure and sign-in whenever we enter the library, even briefly. This could be very important to us in the future as documentation for funding purposes. A discussion developed around copyrights.

Membership – Leila Crawford

No change.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

No report

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri thanked the several volunteers who helped with the newsletter this month. She asked members to send more short stories to publish in the newsletter. A reprint of Linda Crew's book: A Heart for Any Fate can be ordered from the author.

Teri reminded us that the deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is 5:00pm on the Thursday prior to the 1st Saturday of each month.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 21 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Bill mentioned that this was the last month to take advantage of the Associate membership.

New Business

Margaret informed us about the Historic Preservation tours scheduled for this month in Corvallis. She also asked for volunteers to help at Crystal Lake Cemetery for the “Stories from the Graves” project to be held May 23. Memorial Day will be observed May 25th.

The museum has acquired a typed and bound genealogy book for Grant & Elizabeth Newman. The museum is searching for their descendants. This book was found at a garage sale. Members were encouraged to peruse bookstores and garage sales for such genealogical treasures. *Decker*

Bill told us more about his adventures preparing the background information for the 2010 census. Every habitable dwelling will be in a database for census takers to contact. He described how some folks are very difficult to locate and document.

Health and Welfare:

Mabell and the Grubes are apparently doing well.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be June 1, 2009

The next General meeting will be June 13, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary