

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

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret introduced herself and welcomed everyone.

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Presidential Announcements:

1. Margaret encouraged members to participate in the Crystal Lake Cemetery event, "Stories" from the Grave", on May 22, and explained the progress of events throughout the day.
2. Another box of books has been donated to our library.
3. Pat Coolican and Gene Newcomb have been selected for the Budget Committee.
4. Lee Rudisil and Denny Haney have been selected for the ByLaws committee.
5. Two flyers on genealogical seminars were passed around: (a) Spring Genealogical Seminar held on May 22 and (b) Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference held July 31st at Lane Community College in Eugene.

Treasurer – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses for April. Our current balance is \$3,657.60

Librarian – Grace Maddux

Grace has more work to do now with the newly donated box of books.

Publishing –Earle Greig

Earle reported that no books needed to be printed. He added that the Marriage Certificate notebooks project is nearly finished.

Auditor – Bill Gleaves

Membership – Sandra Potter

Margaret reported for Sandra. There are currently 66 memberships, including 85 members. A new member from California may need assistance this summer to use our library on a day other than Tuesdays.

Hospitality – Dean Johnson

Programs – Susan Hayes

The program for today is on Preservation and Interpretation of Family Photos presented by Larry Landis. June is our annual potluck, September is show and tell about our summer discoveries and October will be a tour of the OSU Archives Collection. Susan has scheduled a program on "Newspaper Research" by Leslie Lawson for November. This presenter will be paid. A discussion developed around how many paid presenters our society can support per year and the need for volunteers to share their expertise to fill the remainder of the programs. Possible program topics, Susan mentioned are: 1. Genealogical software, 2. Any country resources, 3. Research repositories. Volunteers are needed to lead these topic groups. Contact Susan if you can help.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Margaret reported for Teri. She always appreciates genealogical stories to publish in the newsletter.

Historian – Lee Rudisil

Lee brought photos to give away that had been taken at the April program. She announced that the 2009 BCGS scrapbook was completed and now is in the library. She invited members that can identify individuals in any of the photographs to write names beside the photo.

Book Committee - Dean Hart

Queries -

Linda received two queries about corrections to posted information: one to the Benton County Pioneer Database and one to the Coon-Miller Diary. A discussion developed around how to tactfully add brief notes to the document in question with mention of documentation which supports the noted correction.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages: Nothing required this month.

Benton County Family Bibles

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 29 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated May 31, 2009, - 15,500 entries

More than 1,000 names are ready to post online to the surname index. Linda wanted to add a few more names to finish up the Corvallis Gazette 1905 to 1907 newspaper (about 100 more names or so).

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Old Business/Unfinished business

“Forester Gump” aka Ted Gump brought a copy of a Linn and Marion Counties 1878 Illustrated Historical Atlas Map book to show and then donate to our library. Then he entertained us with humorous quips.

Susan listed the winners of the raffle and thanked those who helped with the raffle and those who contributed prizes. The raffle brought in \$145!

Susan reviewed the Footnote.com offer of a half price subscription for our membership and told about their 7 day free trial and described other subscriber benefits.

New Business

Margaret invited members to attend the first meeting of an informal writing group which meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 to 3pm in the Annex, beginning May 18th.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be June 1, 2010

The next General meeting will be June 12, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings