

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, May 14, 2011**

Call to Order

Bill welcomed members and guests.

Minutes, read, amendments or corrections – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President

Bill Gleaves explained that he was presiding at the May meeting in Margaret's absence.

Bill announced that we need a photographer to take photos at our meetings, programs, and events. Faye Abraham volunteered to take photos at today's meeting.

Past President

Vice President - Program Committee

Today's program will be presented by Beverly Whitmore on the topic of people migrating from east to west. "How did they get here?" June's program will be an interchange of ideas about "Breaking Down Brick Walls" and our annual potluck picnic. Future programs are booked through January.

Treasurer

No report; however, the bills are being paid.

Membership

Mary Jo reported that we now have 101 members.

Finance Committee

Library Committee

Leila told about the 180 books that she and Grace have recently logged into the library.

Grace reported that the annual BCGS Library inventory day is June 7th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. It is usually finished in one day if enough volunteers help out.

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Bill announced that several books have been sold and replacements are in the process of being reprinted.

Newsletter:

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>

Linda asked for volunteers to help finish up the last two newspapers for the Newspaper Project. CDs are available for volunteers to use at home at their convenience.

The Benton County Bible web page project is also in process. Linda explained the process to have bibles scanned at the museum first then she can add them to the web page.

Program Committee

Unfinished Business

Bill told about the plans for the June meeting and encouraged members to bring ideas for breaking down brick walls to help find those illusive ancestors and to bring resources such as books, web sites, etc. to share for the program. Members were also asked to bring their usual wonderful potluck dishes to share following the program.

New Business

Discussion and stories developed around military history and resources individual members used for finding information. Faye told about searching for her Tory ancestors.

Faye also invited members to the Camp Adair tour as part of the Benton County and City of Corvallis Historic Resources Commissions and Preservation events to be held on May 22 from 2:00 to 3:30pm. The history of Camp Adair will be featured.

Bill told about additional history relating to Camp Adair.

Queries

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be May 31, 2011

The next General meeting will be June 11, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

Adjournment to Program