

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, May 9, 2015**

Call to Order – President Ron
Katie welcomed members.

Minutes– Linda The April 11, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Katie is officiating today
- b. Next General Meeting is Saturday June 13, 10:00am with our annual potluck at 11:00am.
- c. Library tours in small groups will be conducted at the June 13th potluck.
- d. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 10:00am-noon at the Philomath Library.

Past President - Faye

*Faye spoke about the new writing classes. Ten members have signed up so far. They will get together at the June 13th potluck and discuss what they want to accomplish in the writing classes.

*At the next meeting, Faye will bring a form designed to give you a place to record how you want your research materials distributed. It may be attached to your will.

Vice President/Programs - Katie

*May's program will be a presentation on Planning a Research Trip by Mary Dean Snelling

*June's program will be our annual pot luck and the first meeting of the writing group.

Summer Break until September; however, the library will be open

*September will be our annual show and tell program to share what information we have found.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we now have 56 paid memberships plus several complimentary memberships. She encouraged anyone missing a name tag to let her know.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer:

Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4701.92.
She brought extra copies of the newsletter to share.

Publication committee

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . .Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> . . .Benton Co. Genealogical Society

1. Linda reported that additional information from Miles Holden will be posted on the Claremont Cemetery web site.
2. Newsletter: Ron wanted the membership to know that their submissions for the newsletter can be sent to him as e-mail or in paper form. His e-mail address is on the newsletter. Possible ideas for newsletter articles could be something you have written about your family or ideas for genealogy

3. Face Book page: Dana

Library Committee -

Librarian: Sue

*Sue stated that the BCGS Library inventory is scheduled for Friday, June 12th. She thanked the many members who have volunteered to help this year.

*The newest library book shelf list is printed in several forms and kept in a notebook in the library for handy reference.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: Faye asked for a volunteer to take over as photographer. She also explained how the best photographs are used in the newsletter and selected as photos for the society scrapbook.

Unfinished Business

The writing group will meet at the June 13th potluck for an initial discussion about what they want to write about.

New Business

Small group tours of the library will be held during the June 13th potluck.

Other

***SCAM ALERT:** Peggy related her bad experience with Genealogists.com. She lost money at this site which advertised research services but did not fulfill her request.

* Maridee shared her good results using the Bureau of Land Management Land Patents web site.
<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/>

*Peggy asked for input on contacting someone at the Oaklawn Cemetery for permission to allow a well-recommended person she knows to clean her family grave stone markers there. Her initial request was denied.

*Ted brought a handout on Swedish genealogy to share. He donated it to the BCGS Library.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, June 13th, 10:00am in the church social hall, potluck at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary