

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, November 10, 2007

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Dave opened the meeting today and welcomed members. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses for the last month. Our current balance is \$4,108.30.

Programs – David Kribs

Mary Gallagher will present a program today on the Historical Museum resources.

An auction will be held at the December meeting Christmas Party. Damaris suggested bringing edible food items for the auction. She also suggested bringing potluck food to make more of a holiday meal rather than just cookies for the social gathering after the meeting. Ted Gump offered to be the auctioneer again this year.

A Creative Memories presentation will be the program in January.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Betty passed around the sign up sheet for cookies provided at the annex following each meeting.

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra brought the recently purchased books to view. The titles include topics on the Scots Irish and Hispanic populations as well as records in Virginia, a 1790 census in Georgia, and 1850 emigrant ships lists. A variety of newsletters are also available to review following the meeting. Our library will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th and January 1st.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila reported that members are still in the process of renewing their membership.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing – Danell Aukerman

Earl Greig stated that we have a total of 13 books published. The museum has two copies of everything and the Annex has at least one copy of each. Allen Public Library in Fort Worth purchased 6 books.

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris just received a catalog with 50% off on books which she will eagerly review. She recommended viewing the Genealogical Publishing Company web site as a good place to search for genealogy books.

She also mentioned that members in the process of downsizing could donate items to the OSU Thriftshop which benefits our fund raising efforts. Household items sell much better than clothing. Leila is still collecting the Santiam and Flav-R-Pac food labels, also a fund raising project.

Queries - Danell Aukerman

A query about permission to copy excerpts from the WPA Interviews that are posted on our

Benton County GenWeb site stimulated a discussion about copyrights. A good source for copyright information for Genealogical Societies can be found on Cyndi's list at <http://members.aol.com/csgacopyright/copyright.htm#COPYRIGHT>
Danell has offered to follow up with this copyright query for the society.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri explained that members receiving the monthly newsletter via e-mail received the Henckel family page in a separate e-mail attachment this month because it was such a large file. Also she corrected an omitted citation for the article on "Oregon's 150th Anniversary Project". Teri is always searching for articles relating to genealogy to print in the newsletter. If you send her items via e-mail, be sure to put BCGS in the subject line. She acknowledged the wonderful contribution by Richard Cobb printed in the last two newsletters. Teri mentioned that the museum has many books for sale on Oregon and Benton County, as well as children's books and quilting.

Service Projects

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

Danell may be available to resume some Pioneer Database projects soon. Ron and Linda Olsen have kept up with most of the queries, collected the updates and corrections for the Pioneer Database and completed some cemetery updates since May 2007.

Cemetery Project --

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Linda Olsen

Linda asked if anyone was interested in helping with the last newspaper reel needed to finish this lengthy and worthwhile project. Over the course of more than 12 years, volunteers have read and recorded births, deaths, marriages, legal and other important bits of local history found in local newspapers and compiled an index. This index is posted on our Benton County GenWeb page and also on the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library web site.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Thanks to three members, the painting project in the Annex interior was accomplished. Leila Crawford, Dave Kribs and Bill Gleaves were acknowledged for their hard work.

New Business

Margaret Fox brought information to share about classes offered through the Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, June 8 -13, 2008. Registration will begin soon. This institute is cosponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

<http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/>

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 26, 2007

The next General meeting will be Saturday, December 8, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary