

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, November 14, 2009

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed members and guests. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reported the current income and expenses and our balance is \$3, 538.

Programs – David Kribs

Susan Hayes and Bill Gleaves will present information on English research for today's program. Other program ideas discussed were Historical Reenactments, Military History in Oregon and records research in the National Archives and Salt Lake City.

Host – Dean Johnson

Cookie sign-up list is complete.

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra talked about the many items recently added to our library. New items were available for viewing in the Annex following this meeting, and also duplicate library items would be available to anyone for a donation. Eight books are still missing from our library collection.

Membership – Leila Crawford

It's time for dues renewal. Membership numbers have remained constant.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri would like to have a volunteer to help her with typing the newsletter. Teri needs interesting stories to publish and any other genealogical related articles or web sites you find. After the first of the year, Teri's e-mail address will change to mmteri@peak.org.

Service Projects

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

Benton County Family Bibles

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

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

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

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

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Lee brought the society scrapbooks to the meeting for members to view.

Old Business

Elected officers are:

- President - Margaret Fox
- ~~1~~ 1st Vice President – Susan Hayes (program chairperson)
- ~~2~~ 2nd Vice President - Dean Johnson (hospitality)
- Secretary for General Meetings – Linda Olsen
- Treasurer – Gene Newcomb
- Librarian – Grace Maddux
- Membership – Sandra Potter

Elected officers will be installed at the December meeting.

Margaret explained the changes that needed to be made to the society ByLaws to incorporate the elected officer co-positions. The membership will vote on these changes at the December meeting.

The ByLaws also list the standing committee heads that are appointed by the President:

- a. audit
- b. book purchases
- c. merchandising
- d. Library staffing
- e. newsletter
- f. pedigree chart and surname file
- g. public relations
- h. queries
- i. Service projects
- k. additional committees as deemed necessary to be appointed by the president.

According to the sign up sheet that was passed around at the October meeting, some of these positions are filled and active and some are not filled. A new position mentioned was a society photographer. It was brought to our attention that many of our members are involved in other genealogical activities such as giving presentations to other organizations.

New Business

A discussion developed about continuing the annual December Christmas Party and Auction or having white elephant gifts. Members voted to continue the party and auction.

The museum now is a “hot spot” for a public wireless connection.

Bill encouraged everyone to attend the National Genealogical Society conference which will be held in Salt Lake City April 28 through May 1, 2010.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

- The next Board meeting will be November 30, 2009
- The next General meeting will be December 12, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings