

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, November 13, 2010**

**Call to Order – Margaret**

Margaret called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**Presidential Announcements:**

1. Committees are: Finance, Publications, Library, and Audit. If you are interested, please sign up

2. Policies that have been Approved:

\*For members who receive their newsletters by e-mail, dues will remain \$15.

\*For members who receive their newsletters by US mail, dues will be \$20.

\*There will be a \$5 charge for non-members to use our BCGS Library. A discussion developed around charging vs. not charging for non-members using our library facility. Visitors will not be charged to use the library following our monthly general meetings.

\*Our BCGS membership list will only be distributed to the President, Librarian, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. Copies may be made available on request.

\*All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings at any time. Minutes are available also.

\*A new book list will be available soon and members will receive a 10% discount on book purchases.

\*Program speakers will receive a thank you note and a 1 year membership.

\*BCGS Brochures will be available at the usual locations around town instead of full copies of our monthly newsletters. If you have a specific location in mind to place brochures, let Margaret know.

**Treasurer – Gene Newcomb**

Gene reviewed the income and expenses for the previous two months. Our current balance is \$4,315.74.

The yearly budget was approved which includes a one time \$200 request to digitize the last two newspaper microfilms to complete the Newspaper Project. Copies of the budget are available upon request.

**Librarian – Grace Maddux**

All the books are found! Many were just misfiled. Duplicates will be for sale to members for a small donation.

**Publishing –Earle Greig**

Benton County Pioneers and Polk County Pioneers books have been ordered and most have been sold already.

Margaret discussed the increase adjustment of the book prices. A new price list will be available soon.

**Auditor – Bill Gleaves**

**Membership – Sandra Potter**

There are 4 new members and 8 renewing as of October 29 which represents 38 individual members. Mary Jo Miner will be our new membership chairman beginning in January.

**Hospitality –**

A few spaces are left for cookie sign up.

**Programs – Susan Hayes**

Future programs: December program will be the annual auction and Christmas Party. Bring food or Christmas gift items to donate for the auction. Don Ferguson of Shadowsmith Photographics will present “Retrieving, Cataloging, and Identifying Photographs” in January. February will be round table discussion groups led by members. Sharing on a variety of topics will include: Roots Magic, Family Tree Maker, Irish Research,

English Research, Beginning Genealogy-What can I learn from DNA?, and Breaking Through Brick Walls. Susan passed around a sign-up sheet to determine interest in the various topics.

#### **Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Teri has done an amazing job of the newsletter for many years and will step down in December. Leila will be our new Newsletter Editor beginning in January.

#### **Historian – Lee Rudisil**

Lee brought the 2010 society scrapbook for all to see. The oldest scrapbooks are kept in the museum.

#### **Book Committee - Dean Hart**

#### **Queries -**

Earle will search for a marriage record to fulfill a query request.

#### **Service Projects**

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

Updates for the web pages:

##### **Benton County Family Bibles - Ron and Linda Olsen**

<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 June 11, 2010, = 16,790 entries.

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

#### **Unfinished Business**

By-Laws: The Board has approved modifications to the By-Laws. A show of 10 hands approved the By-Laws with one dissenting vote. The By-Laws stand approved. Margaret discussed the committees that are incorporated into the approved By-Laws and encouraged members to sign up for a committee.

Leila opened the nominations of new officers. The Vice President and Treasurer positions are still open. Candidates that have accepted positions are Margaret Fox for President and Linda Olsen for Secretary. The nominees were accepted and nominations are closed.

Margaret appealed to the membership to think about what we are going to do without a vice-president and treasurer for our society.

#### **New Business**

A sign for the library to prominently display the new \$5 fee for non-members was discussed.

#### **Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be November 29, 2010

The next General meeting will be December 11, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings