

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, November 8, 2014**

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members.

Minutes– Linda The October 11, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present. Anyone who should be receiving their newsletter or minutes by e-mail that have not received them recently, please contact Ron.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Ron extended an invitation to members to attend the next Board meeting on Tuesday December 9, 10:00am to noon at the Philomath Library. Everyone is welcome.
- b. The next General meeting is on Saturday, December 13, 10:00am with the annual holiday auction to begin at 11:00am. The holiday auction process was discussed and members expressed how much fun it is to attend the auction. Everyone is welcome.
- c. The Audit Committee has been appointed. Fay and Bill will officiate.
- d. Ron congratulated Brad Fuqua, our new newsletter person, who produced the phenomenal and professional looking November newsletter. Everyone is extremely delighted with the new newsletter.
- e. Ron encouraged members to vote for new officers today.

Past President - Faye

Faye pointed out the red ballot box on the sign-in table and explained that write-in candidates are welcome. Extra ballots are available on the table as well as the one published in the November newsletter. Ballots will be available at the December meeting also.

Vice Presiden/Programs-- Katie

*Our December program will be our annual holiday and auction potluck.

*A future program on DNA has been scheduled for March featuring Emily Aulicino.

Committee Reports

Membership: Sandra announced that there were no new members this month. Ron announced that Connie Patterson has agreed to be our new Membership chair effective January 2015.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer: Linda reported for Lois that our current balance is \$4,097.29. She passed around the October 2014 Treasurer's Report for the membership to review .

Publication committee

Web pages: Danell no longer wishes to continue as webmaster. Faye indicated that Danell has many new names ready to add to the web page and will make them available to the next webmaster.

Books for Sale: Judy Juntunen no longer wishes to continue as the book Publications chair.

Newsletter: Ron called our attention to the free Genealogy Webinar sites listed on the last page of the fabulous November newsletter produced by Brad Fuqua, our new newsletter person.

Library Committee

Librarian: Sue brought several books from our library that examine DNA. Memoing your Memories

by Emily Aulicino and Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques are available in our BCGS Library. Susan Hayes recommended the book Genetic Genealogy as a great source for DNA information that makes this complex subject easier to understand. Discussion and sharing followed on the topic of DNA.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: Faye

Unfinished Business

- * The Audit Committee will try to have their report finished by the end of the year.
- * Connie Patterson has agreed to be the new Membership chair.
- * Nominations for officers: President - Ron DeYoung, Vice President - Katie Ross
Secretary - Linda Olsen, Treasurer - Lois Courtney
- * Other member nominations are encouraged as write-ins. Ballots to vote for the new officers will be available at the December meeting. Votes will be counted and results announced in the December General Meeting.

New Business

- * "How to" classes have caught the interest of members. Offering classes to members as well as non-members has been discussed as a way to interest future new members.
- * Ron explained the "Academy for Lifelong Learning" classes. Several of our members have also been members of ALL. Lois is a current member and developed the idea of having several of our members present a program on genealogy for ALL in January. Outreach programs such as the ALL presentation is a way to acquaint the public about our society.

Other

- * Ron told about his recent trip to Nova Scotia and the East Coast where he found information to break through several brick walls in his genealogical research. He met new cousins and has tons of new genealogical information.
- * Pegge let us know that the "Find a Grave" website is in the process of adding some death certificates and some photographs for individuals buried in Linn and Benton Counties.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library
General Meeting: Saturday, December 13, 2014, 10:00am in the church social hall;
11:00am will be the holiday auction in the church social hall; pot luck to follow in the Annex.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary