

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday November 14, 2015

Call to Order – President Katie

Katie gave an overview of the day and welcomed members, new members and guest.

Minutes– Linda The October 10, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Katie

- a. Ron is attending a conference and Katie is officiating today.
- b. Next General Meeting is Saturday December 12th, 10:00am with our program at 11:00am.
December is our annual auction and potluck. This is a fund raiser event and great fun.
- c. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday December 8th, 10:00am-noon at the Philomath Library.
All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.
- d. Announcement: Larry Landis, OSU archivist, will speak at 1:30pm today at the museum. His lecture is free and open to the public. His new book, **"A School for the People: A Photographic History of Oregon State University"** will be the topic and is available for sale in the Museum store.
- e. Memberships will be due in January and payable anytime between now and January.
- f. Volunteers are needed for new officers for 2016. Ballots are available to vote today or wait until the December meeting. Write-ins are welcome!
- g. Peggy Gee is our refreshment chairman.

Past President - Faye

Vice President/Programs-- Katie

*November will feature Kathryn Moss to speak on the resources available at the Family History Center on Harrison Blvd. Handouts will be available.

*December will be our annual holiday auction and potluck. The auction is held at 11:00am with a potluck to follow in the Annex. Even if you have never been before, come and enjoy the events.

Ted will be our auctioneer! A guaranteed good time.

*Katie handed out a program survey for members to fill out.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 23 renewed memberships already. Turn in your membership forms and payments for dues to Connie today. Dues for 2016 are due by January 1, 2016. The 2014-2015 Audit report is completed and was approved by the Board.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer: No report

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. Web page: Linda would like to add Old Recipes to our society web page. If you have old family recipes that you would like to see posted on our BCGS web page, please give Linda a copy. The inspiration for this idea came from the great recipe web page at "The Armchair Genealogist" and other sites. <http://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/>

2. Newsletter: Send newsletter submissions to Ron. Either give him a copy or send him an e-mail with articles of local or non-local family research or stories of the area, tips or successes, upcoming conferences or a conference you attended and other interesting genealogical items.

3. Facebook page: Sue has added information on the society Facebook page about the November program inviting the public to come and hear Kathryn Moss speak about the resources available through the Family History Center on Harrison Blvd.

Library Committee -

Librarian: Sue

Sue announced the writing class will be meeting in the Annex on Tuesday November 17th 1:00 to 3:00pm. First will be a short writing lesson then members who wish to may share their writing from the previous assignment. There were at least 13 participants at the first class. Sue encouraged members to attend.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need a photographer for this year. Please volunteer to help keep up the society scrapbook.

Unfinished Business

The next Writing class will begin on Tuesday November 17th 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Annex.

New Business

* Please fill out your program surveys Katie handed out. This will provide ideas for meaningful future programs. Give your filled out surveys to Katie at the next meeting.

*We need new officers for 2016. Please volunteer!

Other

*Members present who served in the military were honored and they shared stories.

*Bill encouraged members to see the stage play "The Crucible" now playing at Corvallis High School. He told how the real story of the Salem witch trials related to his family.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday December 8th, 10:00am to noon in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday December 12th, 10:00am in the church social hall, auction at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary