

Minutes of the Benton County Genealogical Society General Meeting
14 October 2000

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by president Dave Kribs.

Guests, Visitors, and 1st time attendees - Helmer Schmidt (Germany roots)

Minutes - Teri Greene

- The minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Gene Newcomb

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| Beginning balance | \$1879.40 |
| Ending balance | <u>\$2434.42</u> |
| Total Gain | \$ 555.02 |
- Large increase due to taking in money for book orders.
- Garage sale proceeds were \$201.19
- The Treasurer's report was read and approved

Library - Jean Grube/Ken Bielman

- The Library is open Tuesdays from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- No new books at this time.

Merchandising - Damaris Reynolds

- The Christmas auction will be held at the November meeting. Bring items to auction and cookies to share..
- The raffle will be held at the December meeting. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. There are 3 prizes to be raffled: 1) Photo album; 2) Christmas sweater from Beijing, China; 3) hand crafted inlaid box made by John Martsching.

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

- Will meet when new budget is in place.
- Nothing new worth purchasing at this time.

Hostess - Margaret Hayes)

- Need someone to sign up to bring cookies in April 2001. Gene Kelsey volunteered.

Queries - Maybelle Marching

- Janice Barclay's family is searching their roots and needs help obtaining information..

Newsletter - Dorothy Burt and Janice Barclay

- None

Membership - Leila Crawford

- Currently have 164 members for 2000, including renewals and new members.
- Membership list is available in the library for 50 cents.

Service Projects:

Society Adopted Projects

Corvallis Obit Project - Charlene Talbot

- Reading newsreels on papers - needs volunteers to sign up to read and record data from reel of film. Trying to bring up to 1920 when State records began. 2 hour shifts.

Other Projects

WPA Project/Service Projects/Classes - Danelle Aukerman

- Starting to loan out WPA documents for transcribing and proof reading. Dorothy Burt will index and Danelle Aukerman will make book. Needs volunteers to help sell books at fairs, etc.
- **Classes**
 - Beginning Genealogy class will be held at LBCC on October 28, 2000. Cost is \$12.80. It will be a 1 day class instead of 6 weeks. To be held at the Benton Center in the kitchen from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Must sign up prior to the class (before 5 p.m. on October 27, 2000).
 - Using the Internet - November 18, 2000, all day class. Believe cost is \$12.80 and ½ price for Senior's.

General Web Page - Lee Gentemann

- Benton County..

BCGS Web Page - Gene Kelsey

- Local, Benton County

Palastine Church Index - Gene Newcomb

- Working on.

Benton County Marriage Books - Lee Gentemann

- Lee Gentemann has completed a 2 volume set of **Benton County, Oregon Marriage Records** and is available for a pre-publication cost of \$25.00 per volume + \$3.00 shipping and handling. This price is available thru Oct. 31, 2000. Volume 1 is from 1850-1924 and Volume 2 goes from 1925-1945. Data has been extracted from microfilm copies of the original documents. Names are in date order and fully indexed. Some books have been printed on a lighter weight paper and are on sale for \$20 each.

Publishing Committee Project - Dave Kribs

- Lee Gentemann's **Benton County, Oregon Marriage Records** and is available for a pre-publication cost (thru Oct. 31, 2000). of \$25.00 per volume + \$3.00 shipping and handling. 20 volumes have been sold so far.
- Committee needs to learn how to write grant requests.
- **WPA Records Books - Danell Aukerman** Final and Cemetery Records book is \$10; Interviews are \$25 thru October and \$35 afterwrds. Currently has sold 7 interviews and 23 cemetery records.
- When proceeds exceed cost of books, Lee Gentemann and Danell Aukerman will donate the excess to BCGS.
- Possible to donate to fund to purchase new books?
- Need to get list of places that bought Cemetery books. 1 copy was sold to the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) for the DAR library in Washington, DC. Damaris Reynolds explained about the DAR library and how it worked
- Commissioner's report nearly done.

Pedigree Charts and Surname File - Jim Russell

- No Report. All caught up and indexed. He will take all information he can get.

Unfinished Business:

- Nominating committee is needed for the selection of BCGS officers for 2001. Dave Kribs asked for volunteers at the general meeting today to serve on the committee. There were no volunteers so President Dave Kribs appointed the entire BCGS Board as the nominating committee.

New Business:

- Suggestion was made to have T-shirts or sweatshirts made up with the Benton County Genealogy Society name/logo for members to purchase. This would be a way to advertise the society and also bring in some money. Additional suggestions were made to have book bags; a jacket with family tree on back of it; or write surname on back of T-shirt with an indelible ink pen. Teri Greene will get information on cost and companies to do this.
- FYI - The National Archives has recently published new prices.

Miscellaneous:

- The announcement for the October meeting was not in the newspaper due to the Gazette Times liason, Mitch Beard, being in the hospital. The Secretary was asked to send a "Get Well" card to him. Also, Joy Read is in Corvallis Manor and Becky Kiger is believed to be at the Regency. Send "Thinking of You" cards to Becky and Joy.

Programs - Bill Gleaves

- **Today** - Re-enactment by the 69th New York State Civil War Militia "Irish Brigade" in full costume and discussion on the role of the militia. Most participants are from the Salem, Oregon area. Also, "How to Date Old Photos."
- **November 11** - Auction and Christmas party. Nomination of new officers.
- **December 9** - Program: "Writing Your Life History," and Holiday Raffle
- **January 6, 2001** - Fort Hoskins

*swearing in
of new officers*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Greene, Secretary