

MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING, Saturday, 8 October 2005

Minutes - Leila Crawford

☞ The minutes of last ~~board~~ meeting were read and approved after a couple of corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report - Gene Newcomb

☞ After reviewing the finances for the past month, our current balance is \$3,982.73

Programs - Dave Kribs

☞ Dave is ready to present his DNA program today.

☞ Next program presentations will be:

October: A presentation about the newly remodeled Corvallis Family History Center

Other future possibilities:

British Research

Wagon Trains

Hostess - Margaret Hayes

☞ The duty roster is filled up.

Librarian - Ken Beilman

☞ See comments below. Ken gave a report for both the library and the book committee

Membership - Leila Crawford

☞ We have 154 members. Currently, there are 45 renewals.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

No report

Publishing - Lee Gentemann

☞ There has been no publishing activity. We still have an adequate supply of books to sell.

Book Committee & Library - Ken Beilman

☞ Maybelle Martsching donated booklets from Lincoln County. If no one wants one, Ken will donate the booklets to Yaquina Genealogy Society.

☞ The 3 donated Corvallis High School yearbooks will be on the library shelves.

☞ Ken reviewed the new books that have arrived. They are:

The Unpublished Roll of Honor

North Carolina Wills & inventories

Abstracts of Bucks County, Pennsylvania Wills 1685-1785

Abstracts of New York, Pennsylvania Wills 1749-1819

☞ John Kendall stopped by our library to introduce his photo restoration business. It was also acknowledge that *Shadowsmith* in Corvallis does very good work.

Queries - Lee Gentemann

☞ Lee had one request for research. The person sent \$10 for 3-4 hours of research.

Newsletter - Terri Greene

Terri shared how other genealogy societies sell advertisements in their newsletter to off set newsletter costs. Ed Stratton said we tried selling advertisements and it didn't work and it would need a full-time volunteer to do the job. Danell Aukerman said it was a great idea, but not a viable option now. We need to move in other ways.

Terri also said the Sweet Home Genealogy Society members send money in lieu of having a garage sale to increase the budget.

Service Projects

WPA - Danell Aukerman

No report

Cemetery

No report

GT Obituaries - Charlene Talbot

No report

Surname File - Tonya Rawie

No report

Donation Land Claim Map - Dorothy Burt

No report

Historian - Lee Rudisill

No report

Old Business

The board adopted the budget for the coming year. There is flexibility in budget allocation.

Our board elections are based on our society by-laws. It is a perennial problem finding members to help out. In order to maintain the organization, we need people to volunteer to serve on a board position. Because we haven't been able to fill vacant positions, we will postponed the election of new officers.

Bill Gleaves signed up to be a counselor for any boy who wants to earn a scout merit badge in genealogy.

New Business

Lee Gentemann will write a short article about web sites for the newsletter and an article reminding people of our publications at the museum and at our library.

Ed Stratton had his web-site rebuilt and will email his address to Terri Green to put in the newsletter

Henry Gillow-Wiles repairs computers

Announcements

Danell Aukerman will not be bringing her books to our meetings. She hasn't sold any of her supplies and bringing the books isn't worth her efforts.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, 1 November 2005

Our next general meeting will be Saturday, 12 November 2005

Respectfully submitted,