

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 11, 2008**

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed members. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$3,197.79.

Programs – David Kribs

Dave gave a brief overview of the two presentations for today: Warren Evans, board member and volunteer for Mt. Union Cemetery, will talk about the restoration and updating he has done at Mt. Union Cemetery. The second presenter will talk about the Circuit Riders and their historical significance in Oregon.

Next month our meeting and program will be held at the Family History Center. Taking a tour of the new storage building at the museum will be a future program.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra announced that duplicate library books will be for sale following the meeting. New books on researching Irish and Italian ancestors have arrived. Also the Schultz bible may have found a home in Michigan.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila reported that we now have 115 members. Our membership dues are \$15 for a family or a single membership. Leila checked on the reduced cost of joining both the BCGS and the Benton County Museum. Bill urged us to become affiliate members with the Benton County Museum for only \$10. Leila brought membership forms to distribute.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Queries -

A descendant of Rev. Peter Allen Moses, who was the father-in-law of well-known Vina Moses, sent an e-mail inquiring about history information we might have on her Moses family. Mary Taffet plans to visit our area next week. In response, we invited her to our BCGS library on Tuesday afternoon and also made her aware of the museum research resources. She is particularly interested in locating the "ancestral history of the Moses family".

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri continues to produce an outstanding newsletter. She is always looking for great stories and articles pertaining to genealogy. Send her an e-mail when you find something you would like to see published in the newsletter.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages: Four new bible images and transcriptions have been added to the Benton County Family Bibles web page, 14 total.

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

We are still looking for someone to help out with reading the last microfilm reel to complete this newspaper project.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Election of officers is coming up. This year's nominating committee is Dave Kribs and Teri Greene plus we need a non-board member to volunteer for the "person-at-large" for this committee. All positions are open and members are encouraged to take on a co-position.

The Gene Lighten.com group was found to be specific to Swedish genealogy.

New Business

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is holding an open house of their many resources every Friday in Portland. Contact information: www.gfo.org

Genealogical Forum of Oregon
1505 S.E. Gideon St.
Portland, OR 97202

A Family Tree design matted with space for small photos in a large frame and an afghan have been donated for raffle items at the December Christmas party. A Christmas auction and party chairman is needed.

Charlene will do the calling for cookies.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be October 27, 2008

The next General meeting will be November 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary