

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 9, 2010

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guest, Julie Gibson. Our business meeting and presentation were held at the OSU Archives.

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Presidential Announcements:

1. Conference reminder: the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, May 11 to 14th. Margaret encouraged members to consider attending.
2. The writing group that meets the 4th Tuesday 1-3pm in the Annex is open to anyone who would like to share their stories or receive feed back on stories they have already written or get help to start writing those stories.
3. Let Margaret know if you know of any society policies that may not be common knowledge.
4. Conference announcement: The Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar will be held October 23, in Milwaukie. More details are listed in the October BCGS Newsletter.
5. The cookie sign up sheet was passed around.
6. The November BCGS meeting will be held in the Fireside Room of the Methodist Church.

Treasurer – Gene Newcomb

No Report

Librarian – Grace Maddux

Grace has almost all of the recently purchased and donated books accessioned into our BCGS Library. Margaret told about the new Benton County Pioneers book by Shirley O'Neil that will be added to our library. The Polk County Pioneers book by O'Neil will also be acquired soon. Margaret also reported how well organized the Polk County Library is now.

Publishing –Earle Greig

Margaret reported that Earle had sold Benton County Books totaling \$235!

Auditor – Bill Gleaves

Membership – Sandra Potter

Sandra announced that eight more members renewed their dues.

Hospitality – Dean Johnson

Programs – Susan Hayes

Future programs: Newspaper research by Leslie Lawson in November, and the December auction and Christmas Party. Round table groups on various topics will be a program after the first of the new year. Members with knowledge of the resources available at the FHC and the Salt Lake City Library are needed for the round table groups. Members were encouraged to begin thinking of items to donate for the December auction.

Susan thanked members who had subscribed to Footnote.com. The promised donation back to our society from Footnote had been received.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Margaret encouraged members to contribute stories and articles for publication in our newsletter.

Historian – Lee Rudisil
Book Committee - Dean Hart

Queries -

Linda received a query requesting copies of marriage and death notices found in our Newspaper Index Project online. She sent information about how to request copies. Dawn Shirley from Salem was very complimentary about our Newspaper Index Project online.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages:

Benton County Family Bibles - Ron and Linda Olsen

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> ---- 29 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated June 11, 2010, = 16,790 entries.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Old Business

Leila represented the Nominating Committee and indicated that no one contacted had volunteered to fill the open officer positions. Margaret encouraged members to nominate someone who would be good in the positions even though they had not volunteered. Contact Leila or Teri with suggestions.

The final vote on the By-Laws will take place at the November meeting. The By-Laws dictate the specific process to follow for final approval of any changes. Copies of the By-Laws were available.

Margaret explained the organization of committees which will be in effect after the By-Laws are approved. The committee sign up sheet was passed around. Members serving on the committees are only advisory and one member will represent the committee at the board meetings.

New Business

Leila discussed the officer positions that were most critical to fill: the vice president and treasurer. She reviewed the duties of these positions and explained that the past officers were available to help the new officers get started. Contact Leila or Teri if you can help.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be November 1, 2010

The next General meeting will be November 13, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary