

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 8, 2011

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret welcomed members and guests.

Minutes– Linda Olsen

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read by members via e-mail.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President

Volunteers – Margaret thanked the volunteers who have stepped up to fill open positions:

Faye Abraham -- Society Photographer

Gene Newcomb - back-up Photographer

Grace Maddux --- Hostess following our General Meetings

Gene Newcomb - back-up Host

Nancy Basque – Society Historian

Volunteers on committees – Margaret thanked volunteers who filled committees

Sandy Potter, Danell Aukerman, and Jerry Buthmann – audit committee

Mary Jo Miner, Judy Juntunen, Gene Newcomb, and Pat Coolican – Finance committee working on next year's budget

Nancy Basque – nominating committee and today's program presenter

Others helped distribute brochures and posters.

Past President - no report

Vice President / Program Committee

Nancy Basque will present today's program about using City Directories. In November, Marlene McDonald is presenting a program about her great-grandparents, the Blodgetts. December is our annual Holiday Party and auction. Faye is organizing the program in **January** 2012 featuring a WWII reenactment presentation. Another program possibility for 2012 is a presentation about the Star family by Steve Morrison.

Members were reminded to begin thinking about items to bring for the auction in December.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer - Judy reported that our current balance as of September 2011 is \$4,363.85

Membership - Mary Jo welcomed new member Sue Van Laere. Sue told about the book she wrote, Fine Words and Promises. Her book is a history of Indian policy and its impact on the coast reservation tribes of Oregon. See her new book in our BCGS Library.

Mary Jo is currently taking dues for the 2012 January to December membership. Let Mary Jo know if any of your contact information has changed. Margaret emphasized the need to label any envelope containing money, noting the purpose it is intended for.

Publication committee

Books for Sale: No books have been sold recently.

Newsletter: Leila

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>

Linda received the updated library book shelf list and will work on getting it posted to our web site.

Linda also complimented Ellen on the great job she is doing on the newspaper project listing the names of individuals mentioned in the 1916 Daily Gazette Times newspaper.

An online query from Heath Keirstead of Benton Soil & Water Conservation District requested a contact person for Alsea and Lobster Valley Cemeteries for removal of invasive species. Linda responded with the information.

Library Committee

Librarian – Grace needed a volunteer for the third Tuesday of the month from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Sue Van Laere volunteered for this position.

Grace also stated that a few library books are still missing. A discussion developed around how to collect or replace these books.

Library staff

Historian – Faye asked about the type of photographs expected for the society scrapbook. Nancy is willing to accept group photographs for our scrapbook with the hope that all the people will be identified.

Photographer

Audit Committee – Jerry, Danell, and Sandra are about half finished with the audit.

Other

Damaris Reynolds was honored with a lifetime membership for her years of dedicated service to our society. Thank you Damaris!

Sharing and Connecting: At the end of the meeting, Margaret asked each member in turn to name the major states or countries they are currently researching.

Susan shared a web site for used books. Go to <http://www.bookfinder.com/>

Unfinished Business

Nominating committee

While having conversations with members about nominations for officers, Nancy collected suggestions to encourage active membership participation and increase membership. She will share these ideas at a later time.

Those nominated for 2012 officers are:

President – Danel Aukerman

Vice President/Program Chairman – Faye Abraham

Treasurer – Margaret Fox

Secretary – Linda Olsen

Margaret reviewed the nominating process and opened nominations from the floor. No new nominations were made and Gene raised a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded.

Ballots will be available at the November and December meetings.

New Business

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 31, 2011

The next General meeting will be Saturday, November 12, 2011

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary