

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, October 11, 2014**

**Call to Order – President Ron**

Ron welcomed members and guests.

**Minutes– Linda** The September 13, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present with a correction to the spelling of the speaker's name.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President - Ron**

- a. Ron extended an invitation to all members to attend the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 10:00am -noon at the Philomath Library and announced the next General Meeting is November 8, 2014, 10:00am with program following at 11:00am.
- b. Ballots to vote for officers will be in the November newsletter.
- c. See the upcoming seminar information on the table: The Milwaukie Family History Center seminar is Saturday November 1, 2014.  
Hannah Allen is giving the keynote address and it's free!

**Past President - Faye**

**Vice Presiden/Programs-- Katie**

\*Our October program today will be presented by Ken Runningcrane aka Ken Real, a Lakota Sioux. He will present background information about the roots of the First Nation.

\*November's program presenter will be Norma Jean Kearsley. Her interactive writing workshop is designed to teach us how to plan and write our family stories.

\*December will be our annual holiday potluck and auction.

\*A future program on DNA is being explored.

\*Several members mentioned they are attending because they enjoy the great program offerings!

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Sandra Potter substituted for Mary Jo today and was kept busy by members paying their yearly dues. She reminded us that dues are now \$20 and \$25 for those members who wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to them.

**Treasurer / Finance Committee**

**Treasurer:** Lois passed around our budget spreadsheet. Our current balance is \$4,544.02. She also mentioned the increase in membership dues.

**Publication committee**

**Web pages:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . .Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> . . .Benton Co. Genealogical Society

**Books for Sale:** Judy

**Newsletter:** A new member has expressed an interest in possibly taking over the newsletter responsibilities.

**Brochures/Posters/Flyers:** Mary Jo

**Library Committee -**

**Librarian:**

\*Sue has been reappointed as librarian. She will continue working on several library projects.

\*Lois announced a need for volunteers for the library. Some training is necessary for a volunteer to

step into any of the several library positions. Having a few trained volunteers standing by and ready to go when needed would be helpful.

\*Ron brought copies of other societies' newsletters for members to browse. These newsletters are stored in our society library. Numerous genealogical societies exchange newsletters monthly.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: Faye

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

\*Appointed Committee Members: Faye Abraham, chair; Sandra Potter, and Mary Dean Snelling

\*Recommendations: President - Ron DeYoung, Vice President - Katie Ross  
Secretary - Linda Olsen, Treasurer - Lois Courtney

\* Note: these are only recommendations. Other member nominations are encouraged. Ballots to vote for the new officers will be available in the next newsletter and at the General Meetings. Votes will be counted and results announced at the December General Meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** An Audit Committee will be appointed soon.

### **New Business**

#### Thoughts on how to increase membership and participation in our society.

1. Grace talked to the Philomath Chamber of Commerce. They will put our society information on their web site. They have asked for BCGS brochures to hand out also.
2. The Benton County Historical Society and Museum also needs contact information for visitors inquiring about our society.
3. Susan Hayes commented that learning/training classes are what people want and would encourage new members.
4. For an outreach presentation Ron, Lois and Linda will present a 2 hour genealogy program for the Academy for Life Long Learning (ALL). Lois is a member of this organization.

\*\* Lois's **draft** for the Academy for Life Long Learning class (ALL)

*Family Trees and Family Stories: An introduction to Genealogical Research. Members of the Benton County Genealogical Society will discuss varied approaches to researching your family tree with both web-based tools and county, state and national records. We will also discuss collecting, archiving and compiling family photos and family stories. If you are just starting, or just need to be inspired to start, we will have tools and suggestions to get you going.*

### **Other**

\*Danell Aukerman will be offering genealogy classes again at the Senior Center in the winter term.

\*Judy Juntunen is sorting Marlene McDonald's collection of materials and asked if our society would want to be a repository for the genealogy information. There's a huge amount of paper to go through, so our society has time to consider this generous offer.

### **Next Meetings**

Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, November 8, 2014, 10:00am in the church social hall, program to follow

### **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary