

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday October 10, 2015**

**Call to Order – President Ron**

Ron welcomed members and new members.

**Minutes– Linda** The September 12, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President - Ron**

- a. Next General Meeting is Saturday November 14th, 10:00am with our program at 11:00am.
- b. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday November 10th, 10:00am-noon in the Annex.

**All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.**

- c. It's time to select new officers for 2016. Ron encouraged members to volunteer for an officer position.
- d. Ron asked the members if they would like to have someone from the Family History Center come to present a program about the resources available at the FHC as the November program. The consensus was positive.

**Past President - Faye**

Faye is not able to attend our meetings this year, but she is very much involved by e-mail. Everyone's prayers and encouragement are welcome to help her battle her illness.

**Vice President/Programs-- Katie**

- \*October's program will feature Don Anderson who used DNA and local research resources to find his birth family. It promises to be an informative and entertaining program.
- \*November's program will be presented by Kathryn Moss and another participant from the Family History Center to discuss research resources available at the FHC.
- \*December will be our annual holiday auction and potluck. All members are invited to attend the auction and potluck. Come and enjoy the camaraderie. It's great fun and you can pick up some wonderful gifts at a bargain price.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership: Connie**

- \*Connie reported that we have two new members who joined today.
- \*She asked members to please fill out new membership forms as they pay their dues to ensure she has all the correct information.
- \*Memberships are due and payable anytime between now and January 1, 2016.
- \*Connie asked members to place their name tags in a basket instead of refiling them in a box when leaving today.

**Treasurer / Finance Committee**

**Treasurer:**

\*Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,222.16. The yearly rent check for our meeting room was just paid for this year which impacts our balance significantly.

**Publication committee**

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



1. Web page: Linda reported that the Claremont Cemetery web page had one more correction request for a name change. The middle name was changed from Raymond to Ray Holden.

2. Newsletter: Send newsletter submissions to Ron. Newsletter submissions may include notification of upcoming genealogical conferences, local or regional or national news of genealogical interest, family history stories you have written or stories of human interest concerning genealogy, good genealogy books you have read, great techniques you have discovered, and so on.

3. Facebook page: Sue and Dana have added information on the society Facebook page about the October program inviting the public to come and hear Don Anderson speak about finding his birth parents using DNA and local research sources. "Like" us on the new Facebook page!

### **Library Committee -**

Librarian: Sue

\*Sue announced the writing class will be meeting in the Annex on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:00pm. Members will discuss what they would like to accomplish in the writing class.

\*Sue asked for good writing book suggestions on the topic of Writing Your Family History.

\*Lois asked for library volunteers to staff the 2 ½ hours the library is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays each week. The time commitment is for one 2 ½ hrs time slot per month. Another volunteer will be available for training and help to get a new volunteer started.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: A volunteer is needed for our society photographer and historian to maintain our society scrapbook for this year.

### **Unfinished Business**

a. Sue announced that the Writing class will begin on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Annex.

b. Susan Hayes shared a new writing technique she discovered at a conference about helping students discover different approaches to writing.

### **New Business**

New Officers are needed for 2016: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Voting will take place in December.

### **Next Meetings**

Board Meeting: Tuesday November 10, 10:00am to noon in the Annex.

General Meeting: Saturday November 14, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

### **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary