

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Minutes – Linda Olsen

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

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed our income and expenses from June 1 to Aug 31. Our current balance is \$3,114.39.

Programs – David Kribs

“Show and Tell” will be the program for our September meeting today. Future program ideas are computer research at the Family History Center and cemetery restoration. Faye Abraham also suggested speakers on Circuit Riders. Faye has contact information for the Circuit Rider presenters.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra thanked all those involved with the library inventory last June. There were enough volunteers that the inventory was completed in one day. Sandra also showed the Schultz Bible which was found at a garage sale and given to BCGS in hopes that the family it belongs to may be found. If anyone knows of relatives interested in receiving this bible, please contact Sandra.

Bill encouraged members to purchase any bible they may find with family information written inside. The museum will accept Benton County family bibles with genealogical information written in them.

Leila mentioned that a King Family surname book that she would like to look at is missing from the library. Members with overdue books are encouraged to return them.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila stated that we have 114 members. Additional newsletters are sent to other genealogy societies, libraries, and organizations. Leila also passed around the sign-up sheet for cookies. She also mentioned that the museum had genealogy books for 50% off today.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Bill announced that several new books and CDs had been ordered for the library.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Bill complimented Teri on the great job she does producing the newsletter. Teri is always looking for information on good programs or meeting announcements.

BCGS dues has increased to \$15.00 for a single or family membership.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages: Danell has updated the Pioneer Database, and Dorothy Burt has updated the South Benton County Pioneer Database. Linda and Ron continue to answer questions directed to the Benton County web page coordinator and webmaster. Linda is continuing to add bible pages to the Benton County Family Bible web page.

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

There's still one newspaper microfilm left to adopt.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Bill and Gene discussed how the cost of DNA testing is coming down, services are expanding, and the information is now easier to share. The Sorenson DNA organization has posted current DNA data on their web site by surname. The medical field is also using more DNA testing. Fay mentioned how Family Tree is also expanding their services. She receives a newsletter on DNA updates from Emily Aluccino, a previous BCGS program presenter.

New Business

Bill mentioned the Starr family is planning a family reunion in 2011 and they contacted our genealogy society to discuss the possibility of a joint event since Benton County is where the family is from.

Bill also had been contacted by Gene Lighten.com which is soliciting help from genealogy societies to set up a partnership. Bill will investigate this organization further. Margaret will also research this organization through the Family History Center services.

New blinds for the Annex library have been ordered.

Health and Welfare:

Members signed a sympathy card for Mabelle Martsching to express condolences for her husband's death.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be September 29, 2008

The next General meeting will be October 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary