

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 12, 2009**

Minutes – Linda Olsen

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

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reported that our balance as of August 31st is \$3,456.50. Gene also put together a yearly budget which shows that the budget is about the same as previous years.

Programs – David Kribs

Dave announced that today's program will be a sharing time for members to tell about recent adventures and discoveries. Programs on German and English research are tentatively scheduled for Oct. and Nov. Other program topics discussed included a speaker on Camp Adair and someone from the FHC to tell about the new indexing process now online. An historical interpreter and the military presence in Oregon during the Civil War are also program topics.

Host – Dean Johnson

Dean needs someone to sign up to bring cookies for the March, April and May meetings.

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra brought new materials to show which had just arrived for our library including Military records of Virginia, County Court house addresses, a CD on English Origins of New England Families 1500s-1800s, Family Tree and Family Chronicle magazines.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Bill reported that two new members have signed up. Also, membership dues may be paid directly to Gene.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris would like someone to assist her in selecting books to purchase for our library.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Since Teri was in the hospital, Dave made several announcements about upcoming genealogical events. The Sweet Home Genealogical Society's is celebrating their 10th anniversary on September 19th. Another event was to be held in Keizer.

Bill asked that we send Teri good web sites we find so they can be shared in the newsletter.

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Service Projects

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

Benton County Family Bibles

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 21 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers

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

Old Business

Margaret reported that the proposed tri county seminar between Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties had been called off for the time being. More lead time to secure speakers and to determine topics for presentations were needed.

Margaret reported on the information booth at the State Fair staffed by our BCGS members. Many volunteers helped with their time and updated brochures and also made a poster. It was a positive experience, and they also enjoyed attending the State Fair.

New Business

Bill encouraged members to attend the National Genealogical Society held in Salt Lake City from April 28 to May 1, 2010. He told about his positive experience at these national conferences and how much information can be gleaned from them.

Margaret told us about the Online Digital Newspaper Project. In about 6 months to a year, you will begin to see Oregon newspapers from 1860 to 1922 which will be digitized for free public access online. The digital collections coordinator for the University of Oregon Knight Library will head the statewide Oregon Digital Newspaper Project.

<http://uonews.uoregon.edu/archive/news-release/2009/6/oregon-newspapers-1860-1922-going-digital>

Gene mentioned that the online auction for the Historical museum is now in process.

Bill announced the following BCGS positions are up for nominations.

1. Co-1st President
2. Co-Program Chairperson
3. Librarian
4. Membership
5. Newsletter editor
6. Newsletter assistant

An Events Chairman was also suggested. This person would organize society trips or tours. Contact Bill if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions.

Health and Welfare: It was announced that Teri was in the hospital.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be September 28, 2009

The next General meeting will be October 10, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary