

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 11, 2010

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret welcomed members.

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Presidential Announcements:

1. The genealogy writing group is still moving along. Anyone is invited to attend this group on the 4th Tuesday from 1 to 3pm in the Annex. Discussions reflect different aspects of writing your own genealogical history.
2. The National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, May 11 to 14th, 2011. Members were encouraged to attend.
3. The Board has tentatively approved the new By-Laws.

Treasurer – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed our income and expenses over the summer. Our current balance is \$3,686.37

Librarian – Grace Maddux

Grace needs a volunteer for the library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please contact Grace if you can help. A new book on Ohio research was donated to the library in memory of Jean Grube. Lee Rudisill donated several books to the library.

Publishing – Earle Greig

Earle indicated that no publishing was needed.

Auditor – Bill Gleaves

Membership – Sandra Potter

Two new members have joined our society. Our membership total is now at 69 memberships representing 92 individuals.

Hospitality – Dean Johnson

A new person to take on hospitality responsibilities is needed. Let Margaret know if you can help.

Programs – Susan Hayes

Our October program will be a tour of the OSU Archives Collection. The business meeting and program will be held in the OSU Archives department.

Future programs: Newspaper research by Leslie Lawson in Nov, Dec auction and Christmas Party.

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Margaret asked members to submit stories to be published in the newsletter. Bill explained that the cost of printing and mailing newsletters is a large expense. Everyone was encouraged to receive their newsletter via e-mail.

Historian – Lee Rudisil

Book Committee - Dean Hart

Queries -

Linda received several queries about location and contacts for the Locke and Alsea cemeteries . Also a query for an obituary for W.D. Kay was forwarded to Gene which he fulfilled. Bill McCash, a researcher, sent an update to the Newspaper Project for Perham Austin.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages:

Benton County Family Bibles - Ron and Linda Olsen

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> = 29 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated June 11, 2010, = 16,670 entries.

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

At Margaret's request, Linda communicated with Christopher Rumbaugh at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library to add our Newspaper Project index list to the Corvallis Library site. Also she wrote a paragraph about our Benton County Genealogical Society which is now posted at the Corvallis Library Benton County Local History web page. Our BCGS Library book/shelf list is now posted on the Local History page too. The shelf list is now in three lists - author, title, code/subject. You need a spread sheet to access this list at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library web site.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Board has tentatively approved the new By-Laws. This is the first of two notices of the proposed changes as presented to the membership. Margaret explained the process of changing the By-Laws and explained the difference between By-Laws and policies. She encouraged members to contact her with any questions. She also reviewed the various committees and passed around a sign-up sheet for the newly organized committees.

Margaret asked for volunteers for the nominating committee for new officers. All positions are up for election. Contact Margaret if you can help.

It's urgent that we fill the newsletter position as of the end of December due to Teri's resignation.

Health and Welfare:

Jean Grube, a long time member who was very active in our organization passed away in July.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be September 27, 2010

The next General meeting will be October 9, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings