

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 10, 2011**

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret welcomed members and guest, Sue VanLaere.

Minutes– Linda Olsen

The minutes of the June 11, 2011, meeting were approved as read by members via e-mail.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President

1. Margaret stated the urgent need to select a nominating committee to recommend members who would serve as officers for the next year. Margaret said she would no longer serve as president after December 2011. However, she is willing to serve in another position.

Non-officer positions are also open: Historian, Book Publisher, Photographer, and Newspaper Publisher/Editor all need to be filled.

Margaret passed around a sign-up sheet for all of the committees and open positions.

Leila is willing to be a resource for the nominating committee.

2. Margaret called for at least two members to serve on the Audit committee. Our fiscal year is scheduled from September 1 to August 31.

Past President- Bill Gleaves

Vice President - Program Committee

Margaret reviewed our list of programs through the end of the year and January. Today is sharing your summer genealogical activities and discoveries. In October, Nancy Basque is presenting a program on using City Directories in your research. Marlene McDonald is presenting a program about her great-grandparents, the Blodgetts, in November. December is our annual Holiday Party, and Faye Abraham has scheduled a presenter for January 2012 about WWII.

Treasurer - Judy

Judy explained that our expenses exceeded the budgeted amount; however, our income also exceeded expectation, so all is well. Cutting back on newsletter expenses and selling many of our published books all helped our income to exceed our expenses by about \$450 this year.

Membership - Mary Jo

Finance Committee No Report

Library Committee

Leila reported that the library committee worked through the summer inventorying and organizing the library, searching for a few missing books, and cataloging donated items from the museum and an anonymous person. The Library committee will discuss the possibility of subscribing to genealogical magazines. Sandra and Margaret donated some genealogical magazines. If you want the library to purchase a book, consider donating half of the expense and if approved, the library may supply the other half of the expense.

Duplicate books and donated books that do not meet the library's criteria will be for sale for a donation to the society following today's meeting.

Purchasing books in memory of recently deceased members was discussed. Several books were mentioned as good choices.

Leila reminded us that there are newsletters from other societies available in the library.

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Earle reported that several books were sold at the museum, but there are extras and no replacements are needed to replenish the supply.

Newsletter: Leila referred to the many conferences and seminars listed in this month's newsletter. Margaret also told about the Milwaukie Stake Family History Fair that will be held in early November. Look for more information in November's BCGS newsletter.

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>

Linda asked for two volunteers to help finish the newspaper project. Ellen Bartish volunteered.

On the BCGS web page, Linda has added Mary Jo's membership contact information, and updated the BCGS purposes statement (matches our ByLaws statement.)

On the Gen Web page she added three new links courtesy of the Museum 1) cemetery maps with a zoom, 2) Benton County Business Directories 1867-1932, Tour Guide Series FREE (by Ken Mumford and others). <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/>

Unfinished Business

New Business

Margaret emphasized that a Nominating committee to select officers is crucial to the continuation of our society. It's urgent that members step forward to help the society continue to function.

Gene reported that the University of Oregon has started putting Oregon newspapers online; however, Benton County newspapers are not amongst the selected newspapers. He will follow up with the U of O to see if they would post the Corvallis newspapers online that we already have on CDs. Judy indicated that the museum probably still has the hard copies of the old Corvallis newspapers.

Margaret explained that ordering microfilm from the Family History Center can only be accomplished online from now on. You will need to use Pay Pal, a debit or credit card, and have an e-mail account. They will e-mail you to update the film's progression until its arrival at your FHC.

Use the URL <https://www.familysearch.org/films/>

Other

Danell has collected all original the BCGS books we publish on DVDs, so there is no need to save all the boxes of paper copies of the original material.

Judy told about the upcoming Cemetery Conference to be held the 3rd week of June. This will be the first one held west of the Mississippi.

Ted brought early photos taken around the Wren area. Judy suggested that he bring his photos to the November meeting to see if Marlene McDonald could help with identification.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 26, 2011

The next General meeting will be Saturday, October 8, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

Adjournment to Program