

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 8, 2012**

Call to Order – President Danell

Danell welcomed everyone and guests.

Minutes– Linda The minutes of the 9 June 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Danell

Danell announced that she will not be running again for president next term and encouraged other members to serve in the society by participating as officers or participating on a committee.

Past President - Margaret - nothing new

Vice President / Programs - Faye

September is our sharing time to highlight genealogical discoveries. Many members contributed by telling about their adventures, DNA results and discoveries. October's program will be a copyright attorney to help answer the questions we have about quoting material or what to do when someone copies our own original material.

Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret

Treasurer: Margaret announced that our new budget was approved by the board. She explained that our budget acts as a guideline and is not cast in stone. Our current balance is \$4,364.84. She passed around copies of the budget.

Membership: - Mary Jo reported that we have 54 paid memberships with a total of 90 members. There were no new memberships over the summer break.

Public Relations:

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Judy

Quite a few of our society's published books were sold this summer through the museum book sales and at a genealogy conference that members attended.

Newsletter: Margaret passed around other societies' published newsletters. Compliments were made about our colorful and attractive BCGS newsletter.

Brochures: Mary Jo

Posters:

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

Library Committee - Grace

Librarian: Grace reported that rearranging the books in our library is under discussion. She and her staff are currently working on finding the missing books from the last inventory.

Library staff: Ellen gave credit to those members who helped with the last library inventory.

Historian:

Photographer:

Other

Mary Dean spoke about how much more accessible our library materials would be if someday they could be housed at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. If the Corvallis Public Library eventually acquires more space, it's something to think about for the future.

Members were invited to attend the historical presentations at Camp Adair this afternoon.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Acknowledgment of members, past and present, who have helped make the society grow was discussed. Numerous past members and some of their accomplishments and contributions were discussed. Ideas about ways to honor these individual members included names on a plaque or naming rooms in our library for one or more members, or setting up a scrapbook with different pages designated for each different type of contribution. The only plaque we currently have lists the society charter members. Currently, a library book is purchased and dedicated to a member who has passed away.

Objectives:

1. We need input about which members should be honored; setting up criteria
2. We need ideas on ways to acknowledge members for their accomplishments and contributions

Please contact Margaret with your input about ways to honor past and present members and those members you would like to see honored. A discussion on this topic will continue at the October meeting.

Adjournment to Program

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, October 13, 2012, at 9:00am in the Annex.

The next General meeting will be Saturday, October 13, 2012, at 10:00am in the church social hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary