

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 13, 2014

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members.

Minutes– Linda The June 14, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 10:00am to noon at the Philomath Library.
- b. Next General Meeting is October 11, 2014, 10:00am with program following at 11:00am.
- c. "Who Do You Think You Are" genealogy TV program update:

*Those who requested notification by e-mail were contacted when the program would be aired. We received very short notice for the Wednesday August 20, 2014, program. They did use one of our publications and our society was listed in the credits.

*Since our society is not a registered non-profit organization, a \$200 donation offered to our society by WDYTYA was given to the Benton County Historical Museum in our name for matching funds.

- d. See upcoming seminar information.

*Genealogical Forum of Oregon <http://www.gfo.org/seminar/judy-russell.pdf> October 25 & 26.

*Milwaukie FHC at Gladstone is Saturday November 1, 2014. Hannah Allen is the keynote speaker. It's free plus a free lunch <http://milwaukiefamilyhistoryconference.blogspot.com>

Past President - Faye

Vice President/Programs-- Katie

*Our September program was to be presented by Jane Kirkpatrick, a noted Oregon author. Due to a death in her family, Ms. Kirkpatrick will not be lecturing. Two of her researchers, Janet Meranda and Dr. Bob Zybach will make the presentation. The author's books will be available for purchase.

*In October, Ken Rainwater aka Ken Real, a Lakota Sioux, will present background information about the roots of the First Nation. *Runningerane @ 10-11-14*

*November's program presenter will be Norma Jean Kearsley. Her interactive writing workshop is designed to teach us how to plan and write our family stories.

*December will be our annual potluck and auction.

Committee Reports

Membership: Mary Jo reported that there are no new members. She has updated our society brochures to reflect the increase in membership. The new brochures need to be distributed.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer: Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,453.90.

1. Lois explained the increase in dues that was approved by the Board. Effective January 1, 2015, our yearly membership dues will be \$20 for a member and their family or \$25 if they want their newsletter mailed. The increase in dues is still modest compared to other societies.

2. Lois presented the new budget for 2014-2015 that was approved by the Board. The new budget increased the amount spent on programs. More high profile programs could help interest new members. Ron complimented Lois on her effort to produce the new budget.

Publication committee

Web pages

Books for Sale: Judy

Newsletter: Ron is now producing the newsletter until a replacement is found. He requested members send him information to publish in the newsletter.

Brochures/Posters/Flyers: Mary Jo updated the brochures. Post cards announcing this month's program mailed to members were provided by the Benton County Historical Society and Museum.

Library Committee -

- * She explained the restructuring plan for the librarian's duties. Dividing the responsibilities into manageable parts with each job staffed by volunteers will cover the library's needs.
- * Sue invited members to participate in a group to discuss why more people do not utilize the library resources. The group will meet on Tuesday September 16th from 10 to 12.
- * Ron complimented Sue on her phenomenal work organizing the library. Sue credited the excellent work done by members before her, giving her a foundation to build on.
- * Newsletters from other societies are stored in the library on the rolling cart.
- * A volunteer is needed to cover the library on the 3rd Saturday of the month for 2 ½ hours.

Historian and Photographer: Faye

Nominating Committee Report:

- * Appointed Committee Members: Faye Abraham, chair; Sandra Potter, and Mary Dean Snelling
- * Recommendations: President - Ron DeYoung, Vice President - Katie Ross
Secretary - Linda Olsen, Treasurer - Lois Courtney
- * **Note:** these are only recommendations. Other member submissions are encouraged. Ballots to vote for the new officers will be available in the next newsletter and at the October and November General Meetings. Votes will be counted and results announced in the December General Meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a. Appeal for volunteers. Open positions: Librarian, Historian, Membership, Newsletter
- b. Open positions:
 1. Program Committee: Katie needs an assistant
 2. Audit Committee needs to be appointed
 3. Librarian is open in September
 4. Membership is open in January, Mary Jo
 5. Historian and Photographer are temporarily filled by Faye
- c. Support our organization: Dwindling membership is a common fate of many societies these days. We need your involvement or we will cease to exist.

New Business

1. Outreach awareness: Academy for Life Long Learning (ALL)

Lois is a member of ALL and explained the proposed presentation below:

*Ron, Lois, and Linda and possibly other Board members will present this program for ALL on Thursday, January 29, 2015, 9:30am - 11:30am at the Congregational Church.**

**** Lois's draft for the Academy for Life Long Learning class (ALL)**

Family Trees and Family Stories: An introduction to Genealogical Research. Members of the Benton County Genealogical Society will discuss varied approaches to researching your family tree with both web-based tools and county, state and national records. We will also discuss collecting, archiving and compiling family photos and family stories. If you are just starting, or just need to be inspired to start, we will have tools and suggestions to get you going.

Other

- *Ron shared a letter about the Stone family donation and transferring some materials to the museum.
- *Bill Gleaves recommended a history book he is reading titled, Astoria, which tells the story about a little known expedition to the West that took place shortly after the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, October 11, 2014, 10:00am in the church social hall, program to follow

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen Secretary