

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday September 12, 2015**

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members and new members.

Minutes– Linda The June 13, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Next General Meeting is Saturday October 10, 10:00am with our program at 11:00am.
- b. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday October 6, 10:00am-noon at the Philomath Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

- c. Ron talked about the "Fort Hoskins iBook and Walking Tour" – See more follow-up information in the September newsletter.
- d. Sue announced that the book about Fort Hoskins is now in our library.
- e. Ron used the recent Gazette Times article about the Reynolds family as an example to inspire members to write about their own family history or local history.

Past President - Faye

Vice President/Programs-- Katie

*Ron told about Don Anderson and how he had been adopted and used DNA to find his family. He may be a potential speaker.

Programs:

- *September will be our annual inspirational and sharing program to talk about what new information we have discovered.
- *October is in process
- *November is in process
- *December will be our annual holiday auction and potluck. Plan ahead and start collecting items for the auction. Look in the October newsletter for a list of items that have sold well in the past. The auction is a lot of fun as well as a fund raiser for our society.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 3 more members who joined over the summer making a total of 55 members.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer:

- *Lois reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,772.58 which is slightly increased over this time last year.
- *The budget committee met and developed a proposed budget for the new year with minor adjustments to last year's budget. The library budget will be given a small increase.
- *The new budget was approved as presented at the Board Meeting.

Publication committee

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

1. Linda reported that the BCGS Library shelf list is now updated and Ron Olsen has posted it on the BCGS Home Page.

2. Newsletter: Send your newsletter submissions to Ron DeYoung, our president. He welcomes information about genealogical conferences, local or regional historical articles, or useful web sites to publish in our newsletter.

3. Facebook: Sue has updated the society Facebook page. She added "Oregon" in the banner and made other improvements. She will be adding announcements to the Facebook page as the year develops. Anyone is welcome to make comments.

Library Committee -

Librarian: Sue

*Sue announced the times the library is open: 1:00pm -3:30pm Tuesdays and Saturdays, year round.

*She asked for ideas for a book to purchase for the library that would encourage and inspire members to write their own family history.

*She asked for a volunteer to put labels on the Family History books in the library - a short project.

*Sue told about the upcoming writing class that will begin Tuesday October 20th and will meet in the Annex from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: Faye needs a replacement as the society photographer for this year. Let our president know if you are interested.

Unfinished Business

The **Writing class will begin Tuesday October 20th** and will meet in the Annex from 1:00 - 3:00pm. The first class will be deciding what we want to accomplish, and how we would like to approach writing our own family history. If you are interested in writing about your family history, this is the time to start.

New Business

Ron announced that it's time to think about new officers for 2016 and extended an invitation to members who would like to participate in the society as an officer for the year 2016.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday October 6, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday October 10, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary