BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Call to Order Previous Meeting Minutes Acceptance: Yes Xes w/ edits

Officer and Committee Reports

President (George)

- Next Board Meeting: Monday, 3:00 PM May 6, 2019 at the Philomath Library
- Next General Meeting: Saturday, May 11, 2019
- April newsletter has been sent out and posted
- Today's topic is Voters records presented by Pam Vestal

Treasurer (Lois)

We have taken in \$300 more than we have spent.

Membership (Connie)

We are currently at 50 members.

Thank you Nancy DeBoie for being the greeter for last month's meeting.

Library/Writers Group (Sue)

Next Writers Group: The next meeting is April 16th in the library annex.

Member Ancestral Search Board: Tom pointed out there is an error on the board so Sue will fix it for use in the library.

Annex: There is a table with items we are discarding (ex: duplicates or old items) that you can take for a small donation.

Need some folks to help move the US books upstairs today. This will allow more room for the family history books on the shelves and get them out of the closet.

Inventory sign-up sheet: The sign-up sheet to help with this year's inventory is in the back of the room. The inventory will take place on on May 31st.

Programs (Linda)

We are scheduled out to February 2020 for meeting programs.

The Roots Tech meeting videos are online. Linda will put the links in the newsletter. There is five years' worth of videos available. The URL is: <u>www.rootstech.org/video-archive</u>.

Ann Smart suggested we have a program fair to show the various genealogy software programs that are available. We could have small groups and bring laptops to demonstrate them.

Sue has the Member Ancestral Search Board in the back of the room. It is a summary of the members and the states and names they are working on so members researching the same areas or names can connect. We will use this information at the June meeting with our potluck. Folks can get together and help each other with those name or location research. Also, maybe discuss how to get through brick walls.

The currently scheduled programs are listed below.

| Date | Speaker | Торіс | | |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 13-Apr-2019 | Pam Vestal | Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret | | |
| 11-May-2019 | Leanne Trask | Pitfalls of German Genealogy | | |
| 8-Jun-2019 | TBA | Spring Potluck | | |
| Jul-Aug | | Summer Break – Happy Researching | | |
| 14-Sep-2019 | N/A | Gathering Back Together and Sharing New Discoveries | | |
| 12-Oct-2019 | Lisa McCullough | DNA Autosomal testing and what to with the results | | |
| 9-Nov-2019 | Tom O'Brien | Family Search: Finding Digital Records | | |
| 14-Dec-2019 | | Silent Auction and Potluck | | |
| 11-Jan-2020 | Beth Lambright | The 400 th Anniversary of the Landing of the Mayflower and Beth's Mayflower ancestry. | | |
| 8-Feb-2020 | James Morales | Courthouse Records | | |

Program Schedule

Business

Old Business

• none

New Business

- Passing a sheet around with a list of potential presentation topics. Please select two and turn it in.
- We are looking at starting the general meeting presentations at 10:30 am instead of 11:00. Are there any objections?
 - Comment: This would give the presenter's more time to do their presentation as there are times the presenters seem to need more time.

• Suggestion: Maybe start at 10:45 to allow for a stretch break

Other/Announcements

• none

Volunteers Needed To:

| Need | Frequency | Contact |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Write a program review | Once a year | |
| Provide refreshments | Once a year | Pegge |
| Manage our Facebook page | Once a month | Sue |
| Work on a temporary Project in the BCGS Library | As needed | Sue |
| Take Photos at our gatherings | As needed | Linda |

General Information

Benton County Genealogical Society (BCGS) Website

BCGS Newsletters

BCGS Facebook Page