

Benton County Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes - 3:00pm, Annex, June 24, 2022
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Those attending: George Davidson, Lois Courtney, Kathryn Moss, Connie Patterson, Sue Van laere

President: George Called the meeting to order.

Treasurer: Lois reported \$4, 770 in our BCGS account.

Library: Lois suggested closing the Annex Library on Saturdays until we resume in September with the option of access by appointment. She is having difficulty recruiting Library volunteers. George is looking into removing or covering up our “times and days open” sign for the summer. Since it can’t be removed, he will try to cover the hours and/or show closed for the summer.

Memberships: Connie reported we have 30 paid members and 2 life members. Renewals are down about 50%.

Newsletter: Sue will ask for renewals in the next newsletter.

Relocation: Sue suggested investigating whether we could return to the College United Methodist Church as it is a more socially arranged location. Also it has better lighting. Other members have suggested moving back to the church for more room to gather as a social group. When our BCGS group interferes with the art shows at the museum, both groups feel awkward plus we lose half an hour because we can’t be ready to open at 10:00am. What can we do to bring back the ambiance of two years ago?

George will contact a church representative to inquire if any change in their previous policy would allow us to use the church social hall for 2 hours one Saturday per month for 10 months. George said the King Family Cemetery Assoc. just secured liability insurance for the King Family Reunion set for June 25 and he will find out who they used.

Future Programs:

Vice President: Kathryn suggested a future meeting at the Corvallis Museum downtown and tour of the building

Lois and Kathryn suggested checking in with Tom O’Brien and Capt. Mark Stevens as potential speakers.

Sue suggested the September meeting could be a celebration of being together again—details to be worked out.

For future programs we could use outside experts and the knowledge of our own members.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Olsen (acting secretary) Minutes are from notes provided by Sue and George