

Benton County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am - Noon, Annex, Oct 8, 2022

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President:

George introduced two guests and welcomed everyone to our meeting today. It was good to see new faces.

Treasurer: George reported for Lois that we have over \$4,000 in our account.

Membership: Connie reported we have 28 paid memberships as of today and about 20 members in attendance.

Library: Liza was introduced as the new librarian and she discussed how she would like to see the library duties divided among members who would each be responsible for only one specific library duty. Sue, our past librarian, made a list of library duties for Liza to assign to volunteers. More volunteers are needed.

Program:

“How to Access the Records that are in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City from your Home Computer or a Family History Center”

Kathryn Moss, our Vice President, presented the October program. First, we saw how to sign up for a free account on our home computers to use Family Search. Then using the handout with easy to follow directions, we watched as she selected “catalog” from the pull down menu then step by step we observed how to use the Salt Lake City Library Catalog. Kathryn demonstrated using Family Search online showing her choices on a large screen. We practiced finding specific information using the several exercises from the handout.

Books have been digitized as well as microfilm records and are available through the Family Search catalog. Microfilm is now obsolete.

Conclusion:

Knowing how to use Family Search online to burrow down into specific records in the Salt Lake City Library Catalog is a very powerful tool for researchers.

Comments:

Several members suggested that we advertise our BCGS programs and meetings more.

Members were invited to the Annex for refreshments following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Secretary, Linda Olsen