

# **Benton County Genealogical Society**

## **General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am, March 8, 2025**

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**President:** George Davidson called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

1. The previous meeting minutes were approved and posted online.
2. Next **Board** meeting will be **April 4, 2025** in our library.
3. Next **General** meeting will be **April 12, 2025** 10:30am in the museum as usual.

**Vice President and Programs:** Kathryn is exploring ideas for an April speaker. Let Kathryn know if you know of any genealogy speakers.

**Treasurer/Finance:** Lois reported that the \$1500 moving expenses had been made up by generous member donations. She reminded members that membership dues are way behind and need to be paid soon. Donations may be mailed to the address below:

**Benton County Genealogical Society**  
**P.O. Box 1646**  
**Philomath, OR 97370**

**Membership:** Candy Koetz is our new membership chair. Membership dues will be collected by Candy, recorded and given to the treasurer.

**Webmaster:** George talked about the new "Business Cards" he is making for our society that show times and places our society meets and days the library is open. Brad Fuqua from the Philomath newspaper online will interview George about our move.



**Library:** Liza reported we are expecting several bookshelves from Linn County for our library. Next will be attaching them securely to the wall, then begin shelving more boxes of books. The new library space will be open for viewing only on meeting days until everything is arranged.

**Program: Identifying Fred Martin: A Case Study Utilizing Traditional and DNA-based Genealogical Methods.** Payton James - Amberg kept our attention riveted to the screen and listening to her dynamic program about how to find a person who had moved multiple times, changed his name, married and divorced leaving inconsistent personal information. Even the family did not know much about him. She spent many hours searching for documents and comparing the information plus using DNA from possible relatives to eventually conclude his real name, parents, wives and children.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Olsen, Secretary