

Benton County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am, April 12, 2025
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President: George Davidson called the meeting to order.

1. The previous meeting minutes were approved and posted online.
2. Next **Board** meeting **TBA, 2025**.
3. Next **General** meeting **TBA, 2025**

Vice President and Programs: Kathryn is always exploring ideas for speakers. Let Kathryn know if you know of anyone who would like to speak on a genealogy topic.

Treasurer/Finance: Lois reported that our expenses are still about \$400 more than our income. Having a **BottleDrop account for BCGS** will bring in extra funds. George will bring bags and stickers that will be available at meetings and in the library. Several BottleDrop sites are located in Corvallis and Albany.

Membership: Candy Koetz our new membership chair reported we had one new member, Laurie, and a renewal.

Webmaster: George talked about the new “Business Cards” he designed for our society that show times and places our society meets and days the library will be open. The museum has already started handing them out.

Library: Liza was not present for this meeting, but she and George have put in multiple hours of work acquiring book shelves, unloading boxes of books, arranging items to fit our smaller space. Currently, our new library has a more spacious feeling. An inventory still needs to be done before we can check out books.

Program: Joseph Fulton wrote a book titled “Oregon’s Little Eden”. He spoke about Kings Valley and decided that people liked to read stories rather than pages of statistics. Mr. Fulton researched newspapers, scoured microfilms and used personal interviews before he started writing his books about families that had lived in Kings Valley. His father was older and didn’t live long enough for Joseph to interview him; however, his grandmother was more than happy to tell about her life. When Joseph found a trunk of letters and photographs with identifications, he just had to write about the ancestors he never knew. That idea grew into an obsession to write about the people of Kings Valley. Some stories had tragic endings for some of the families. He advised using a “Books on Demand” site online to publish books as it is the best choice for cost effective publishing.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Olsen, Secretary

