

MINUTES OF  
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, 5 February 1996  
MABELLE MARTCHING HOME

The meeting was called to order by President Bielman.

**Members present:** Ken Bielman, Mabelle Martsching, Ron Edwards, Damaris Reynolds, Jean Grube, Ed Stratton, Leila Crawford, Danelle Aukerman, Gene Kelsey, and Dan Froehlich

Minutes of the January 8 board meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The January balance is \$1,081.95

**Program:**

The February meeting will be split up in three groups. Discussions will be on the areas of Indiana, New York and the computer.

The March program will be presented by Carla and Dennis Ridenour. The topic will be *Graphic Techniques for Genealogy*.

**Book Committee:**

The committee had a meeting.

Damaris strongly recommended we buy *Genealogical Abstracts of the Revolutionary War Pension Files* which sell for \$565 a set. We could purchase these by asking for matching contributions from the membership.

**Library:**

The library has a new stamp.

There are enough library assistants.

More books have been added to the library. Some are gifts by known individuals (Van Burtons, Bielmans, Ted Gump) and some are unknown contributors.

**Merchandising:**

There is a five dollar addition from the Christmas sale.

Part of the items left over from the Christmas sale went to the thrift shop and some are being saved for the May garage sale.

**Queries:**

No new inquiries.

**Membership:**

There will be a complete list available to every member at the next general meeting.

Ed will be adding new members in each newsletter.

**Newsletter:**

Ed will include in the next newsletter:

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- a letter from Mildred Hawkins

**Membership:**

Danelle will have membership packets prepared.

**Unfinished Business:**

The budget committee will meet and have a report next month.  
 Ken read the report from the audit committee. It is in good order  
 From a memo from Pat Coolican - She would like to make the anniversary a special occasion and suggested a committee be formed and to ask the *Democrat Herald* and *Gazette-Times* to do interviews

**New Business:**

The Allen County library has lots of Oregon materials for sale. They also bought a copy of our cemetery records.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation has grants to offer.

OPB will have a three hour documentary on April 29 at 8:00 p.m. called *In*

**Search of the Oregon Trail.**

George Schweitzer will be in Vancouver on March 23.

The Willamette Valley genealogy Society has a list of CD Roms and AGLL has CD roms that are available to members

Danelle would like the society to purchase more CD roms for the library

The Indiana computer systems sent a catalog. The Indiana Historical Society will do a newspaper search.

There will be a genealogy forum presented by the Genealogy Society of Oregon on October 4-6 in Salem.

J.R. Roberts will speak at the siminar in Portland on April 27.

The next meeting will be March 4, 1996 at Damaris Reynold's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary