

MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, 4 March 1996
Damaris Reynold's 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, Becky Kiger and Judy Beals.

Minutes of the February 5 board meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron requested a correction on last month's balance and handed out a corrected report.

As of February 29, 1996, the current balance is \$1,147.99.

Program:

The March program will be presented by Carla and Dennis Ridenour. The title of their presentation has been changed to *Grandmother's Scrapbook*. Danelle will give her archival talk in April.

Book Committee:

The Revolutionary War abstracts arrived. Damaris was please about the response we received from the membership willing to donated towards the purchase of this set of books.

Library:

Ed has a new list of books purchased.

The new abstracts will remain in the library rather than being circulated. Copies of the abstract will be offered at 15 cents per page.

We now have a complete cemetery index. We will offer to sell the index to others who have bought our cemetery books and advertise in the index in the *Genealogical Helper*.

Merchandising:

We earned \$11 from the thrift shop.

We have a good start on the garage sale. Pat and Judy can help with the pricing. The tentative garage sale date is May 18.

Queries:

Several people having been asking if Janice suffered any water damage from the flood. She was in Arizona at the time. Her daughter said there were no problems. The University of Oregon was contacted about the *Horton Railroad*. There were queries about the *Leper* and the *L. Hockema* families. Old George Sawyer is writing a book

Membership:

No report was given.

Newsletter:

A reminder of the Ridenours presentation will be in the newsletter with the current and corrected topic. Echo Lake which retails for \$69.95 will be raffled. It is a write your life multi-media program.

- *the second installment letter from Mildred Hopkins
- *information about how paper clips can damage your work
- *a list of new library books
- *how to use the new abstracts
- *a reminder to bring or mail the money promised towards the abstract purchase

Membership:

Danelle will have membership packets prepared.

Unfinished Business:

Although the budget committee worked very hard on the current proposal, there was discussion about certain line items. Ken will make some minor adjustments and report back to the board at the April meeting.

Judy said host/hostess were all set for the year.

Gene Kelsey will cover for Ken at the general meeting this coming Saturday.

New Business:

A Genealogy Fair will be held at the Smith Center at Portland State College on June 1 from 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Sweet Home will have their fair during the second weekend of March.

There will be a Genealogy Conference in Rochester, New York in mid August.

Damaris sent a letter to Oregon Public Broadcasting on behalf of the society to air the ancestor program this coming fall. OPB responded to her letter stating they will notify the society and the Genealogical Forum regarding the broadcast of this program when a decision is made.

There will be a genealogical workshop in Albany March 16, April 20 and May 18 by the Linn Genealogy Society.

Becky completed one ledger on deaths at the courthouse. She also asked if there was an interest in visiting the U of O library. The library is a repository for Oregon newspapers.

There was more discussion about our 25th anniversary celebration in June. A short meeting will be held after our general meeting on Saturday to begin brainstorming what will be done and who is willing to do it.

The next meeting will be 8 April 1996 at Damaris Reynold's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary