

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting, 8 March 1997**

Our meeting was opened by Ken Bielman, 1st Vice President. Minutes of our previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests and first time visitors were introduced.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The society has a balance of \$2,192.76 as of February 28, 1997.

**Library:**

- \*A listing of our new library books is listed in the March newsletter.
- \*Our library staffing is good and reminders will be given to the those who have volunteered to cover the library.

**Merchandising:**

Dameris gave a breakdown of how our dues is spent. She wanted to share how important it is to give donations for our garage sales and Christmas Tea & Auction to maximize our ability to purchase books for our library.

**Book Committee:**

- \*Dameris shared the examples of bookplates made by Sandy Ihrig.
- \*Dameris is pleased with people checking out our books. She is concerned about having enough space for future book purchases because our annex space is small. She spoke about the advantages of a new museum and her hopes all our members will support future fund-raising by the Historical Society not only for us but also for the community.

**Hostess:**

A reminder was given to the next host/hostess.

**Public Relations/Service Projects:**

The names mentioned in the Mark Finney papers are now being alphabetized for the index.

**Queries:**

Maybelle recently received a new query and believes we have enough information here to pass along even though the subject has Lane County history.

**Pedigree/Surname Files:**

I couldn't understand the notes I took...something about Jim going through 3 Gedcom files from Ken and Ken checking them out.

**Newsletter:**

Ed talked about eight newsletters that were returned due to postal problems. He is trying to find out who is missing their newsletter so he can mail them out again. The post office reimbursed Ed for the mailing. He hoped we enjoyed reading page three and did our "computer" people try out the society's new web page?

**Old Business:**

The fourth beginners class will be held on 5 April. The instructors will be meeting next Tuesday. The class books are in

**New Business:**

\*The board must inform members one month in advance of any by-law change. The board wants to change the fiscal year to start in September to avoid complications and give a meaningful information to workout the budget. With this notification, we will vote on this by-law change at our next general meeting.

\*Ken shared a number of flyers and announcements of seminars the society has received and can be of interest to us.

\*Larry Sleeman, Philomath Middle School principal has given us permission to use their computer lab to demonstrate what a computer and web pages can do for the genealogists. Gene Newcombe will lead the group at 1:00 p.m. for those individual who are interested. We will meet after our general at Philomath Middle School at 1:00 p.m.

\*Gene Newcombe introduced *Kitty*. It will be donation container at the annex for drinks and snacks.

\*The Albany newspaper will have special inserts about local families during April. Individuals can buy a set for \$2.

Our next meeting will be 19 April 1997

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary