

MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, 11 May 1996

The meeting was opened by Danell Aukerman. Ken Bielman, President was absent. Minutes our of previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests and first time visitor were introduced.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Edwards read April's financial report. A balance of \$973.54 was reported.

Library Report:

Jean Grube was absent. Danell announced the new books which are listed in the current newsletter.

Becky Kiger and Dameris Reynolds will cover the library today.

Merchandising:

The garage sale will be May 18. Quite a lot of items will be for sale thanks to generous donations.

Book Purchases:

The new book orders are in. The committee will absorb them before they order more.

The offer still stands that if a member will buy half the purchase price, the society will pay the other half of the book cost. The contributing member will have first choice to check out the book.

Danell suggested we get on smaller publisher lists to get more book choices.

Judy Beals shared a second-hand book she bought called *Eating On the Hog With The Rudy Family*. It contains Rudy family recipes and history. She suggested the our society members might want to create a book of old family recipes.

Queries:

Maybelle Marthing has a request regarding Jacob Swenk. She asked if any of us have heard of him. This initial cue led the group to sharing names which led us to an interesting story about Nimrod O'Kelly, who was the first man in Benton County to commit murder.

Newsletter:

Ed Stratton gave an update on Gene Kelsey's heart attack. He is doing fine. Visitors are not allowed yet.

He has alot of articles to use in future newsletters plus information about Nimrod.

Membership:

We have 122 members, not 102 as reported earlier.

We now have new name tags and membership list. Danell would like to add e-mail addresses to our directory. Please contact Danell if you have an e-mail address.

Public Relations/Hostessing

A new sign up list for next year was passed around during the meeting.

Service Projects:

Becky Kiger gave a committee report on the 25th anniversary celebration for our June meeting. She said four charter members have responded to our invitation.

Pedigree Charts:

Jim still has some charts that need checking.

Unfinished Business:

No new updates.

New Business:

A reminder was given about our June 8 general meeting.

Jonathan Cardozo, a guest today and a co-worker with Danell may give a talk to our group next fall. He is considered the "Webmaster" at Rogue Wave.

We will need to make a decision about helping people with queries on the Internet and what fees we will charge.

After our general meeting we watched a new library video on naturalization research.

Our next meeting will be June 8, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary