

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting, 12 October 1996**

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

Guests and first time visitors were introduced.

**Treasurer's Report:**

As of September 30, 1996, our current balance is \$1527.35

**Merchandising:**

Dameris asked if there was an interest in purchasing Missouri books. A show of hands showed there was interest.

She reminded the group if an individual has an interest in a specific book to add to the library, the society will pay half the book cost.

The remainder of the garage sale items were taken to the thrift shop. Remember, anyone can leave items at the thrift shop. Our number is listed in the newsletter.

Our Christmas auction is coming. Dameris urged everyone to come. It will be lots of fun. Please remember to bring something to sell. Our odds and ends will be one the garage sale table. The big item is our throw that Fern Shafer made. It will a raffle item.

**Public Relations/Service Projects:**

A sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting for individuals to choose a date to be responsible for snacks.

The book committee had been discussing the extremely valuable interviews of Mark Finney and a decision was made to recopy and index all the names and number the pages of this work. Mark Finney was in Benton County to interview anybody with grey hair as part of a WPA project in 1937

**Queries:**

New queries have not been requested.

**Pedigree/Surname Files:**

A few years ago we began collecting names to put in our database to see if any of us overlapped.

Two comments: 1) Set up pedigree lines especially in GEDCOM or PAF disk format. Names can be typed individually although it is a slow process. 2) When you submit all names, please identify who is the #1 person.

**Newsletter:**

Ed asked members and guests to notice the various coming events.

He thought there is enough computer knowledge in our society to help new users. Also, by request, Ed is listing internet addresses in the newsletter.

He found our long lost ninth charter member through an obituary.

Again, if we have anything to share in the newsletter, let Ed know.

**Membership:**

A verbal welcome was given to the new members.

Twenty-four people have renewed their membership.

Danelle has some old membership list available for those people interested.

**Labels:**

We are collecting *Santiam* and *FlavorPak* labels for fund raising. Be sure to get the UPC part of the label. There is a collection spot in the library on the north wall of the closet.

**New Business:**

A nominating committee was appointed by Ken. Dameris Reynolds will chair the committee. Ken announced the 1997-98 vacant positions that are available. The committee will need to come up with a slate of officers which the society will vote on in November. The new officers will be installed in December.

Ken complimented Ed Stratton for his list of URL's (Universal Resource Locator) in the newsletter.

The Cottage Grove Genealogical Society will hold a fall seminar November 11. Ed has a copy of the seminar activities.

A beginning genealogy class will be held next spring. It will be co-sponsored by DAR, the museum and the society. The class is limited to 20 participants at a cost of \$10-15. The workshop will be held on April 5. Ed Stratton will chair the workshop committee.

Research in Poland...Warsaw Professor...paid for searches...John Madeszak...

Our next meeting will be 9 November, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary