

MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, 14 September 1996

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

Guests and first time visitors were introduced.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report covering the period of June 1 through August 31 were read. As of September 1, 1996, the current balance is \$1071.05.

Library Report:

Inventory of the library was taken in June. Thank you to all those who helped. A list of new books is in the current newsletter.

Duplicate books were sold.

Joe Fulton's genealogy class from Benton Center visited the library and some of the students joined the society.

Jean wanted to remind everyone that non-members are to pay \$1 for using the library after the initial visit.

We have enough volunteers to staff the library through October.

Merchandising:

The society earned \$190 at the September garage sale.

The Christmas Auction and Sale is our next money making project. Raffle tickets will be sold. The drawing for the beautiful hand woven coverlet made by Fern Shafer will be at our December meeting. Does anyone have 2nd and 3rd prize items to donate to our raffle/auction?

Book Committee:

We were urged to see the new Tennessee books purchase.

The committee will be meeting again in October.

If you would like to make a book request, please give the publisher. This will help the committee locate the company.

Public Relations/Service Projects:

Thank you for the June hostessing. The program and luncheon was successful.

Ken and Rebecca will bring the refreshments next month.

There is a request from the DAR to sponsor a beginning genealogy workshop with the society. The workshop would possibly be held in April.

Queries:

Maybelle's found out Jacob Swenk was from Lane County.

Newsletter:

Anyone who has a good article, comment, idea, please let Ed know. He would prefer to receive the information on a disk.

Membership:

We can start paying our 1997 dues. It will cost \$10 for singles and \$13 for families.

The society would like to have copies of your ancestry/pedigree charts. We can put in the names with our data base to see if anyone has common ancestry.

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.

New Business:

Remember to refer to the newsletter for upcoming events.

A discussion was held to share ideas about resources and activities the society could provide to be of help to each other and as a service to other genealogists.

Our next meeting will be October 12, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary