

**Benton County Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am, January 10, 2026**  
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**President:** George Davidson called the meeting to order.

1. George introduced and welcomed Dana Sanchez as our new society president.
2. Dana was warmly received and presented a very accomplished General Meeting.
3. The previous minutes were approved and posted on our website.
4. **Next Board meeting** - Friday February 6, 2026, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library in museum.
5. **Next General meeting** - Saturday February 14, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in museum.

**Vice President:** We need a new vice president. Any member interested would be welcome. February's program is already scheduled and March is in process. Lois gave an overview of the February program her husband will present. He traveled to Poland and found the place where his grandmother had lived until 1888.

**Program Review: January's program:** Larry Landis and Lauren Gwin researched the life of Letitia Carson and have formed a partnership with OSU and at least 5 Black organizations. After an overview of the various properties where Letitia lived and hardships she endured, they discussed the organizations that are interested in seeing the land where Letitia had lived. Tours of some of the property owned by Letitia are planned for later this year.

**Treasurer/Finance:** Lois reported we are doing better financially. However our expenses are still more than our income. Our \$20 membership dues for 2026 are due as soon as possible. Pay by check or cash at a meeting or Mail a check to:

**Benton County Genealogical Society**  
**P.O. Box 35** (Note the new PO Box number)  
**Philomath, OR 97370**

**Membership:** Candy has recorded 16 paid memberships for 2026. She and Lois have completed the yearly Audit.

**Webmaster:** George posts all meeting minutes on our BCGS website. He and Laurie are taking care of the Bottle Drop cans and bags.

**Library:** Liza and George diligently work on our library inventory each week, This new arrangement of books will have all volumes of one subject conveniently shelved together.

**Newsletter:** Laurie Corliss received complements on her 10 page very attractive newsletter. It's just what our society needs.

**Recipe Project:** Linda Olsen brought her booklet, "Family Recipes from our Ancestors", to show and gather last minute recipes. No more new recipes will be added and final copies will be made available to members as soon as a final copy is ready.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Olsen, Secretary



Passing along our family history  
To the next generation