

Benton County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am, May 9, 2026
www.bcgs-oregon.org

President: Dana called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

1. The April minutes were approved and posted on our website.
2. **Next Board meeting** - September 4, 2026, 3rd floor library in Museum.
3. **Next General meeting** - September 12, 2026, 2nd floor in Museum 10:30am.
4. **Optional: June 13 members' summer plans sharing.**

Vice President: currently vacant

Treasurer/Finance: Lois NA She reported earlier our income is nearly even with our expenses and membership has increased.

Membership: Candy recorded 31 paid memberships.

Webmaster: George posts all meeting minutes on our BCGS website and takes care of any other important business relevant to our website.

Library: Liza NA Earlier she reported being nearly done with the book inventory.

Newsletter: Laurie Corliss indicated the May newsletter was the last one until we meet again in September.

New Business:

Linda Olsen has resigned from the BCGS Board as Secretary. This is an opportunity for another member to become acquainted with our society and help record the long history of our society.

Program Review: May 9th program:

Sources in the Benton County Historical Society Research Library

Larry Landis gave a wonderful overview of the collections available in the BCHS Library and what is available online for Philomath, Corvallis, Oregon, and the Northwest.

In the BCHS library are obituaries 1870-2000, Family Files, Yearbooks from OSU, Philomath High School, City Directories 1913, 1951-2005, Business Directories, phone books 1907-2020, Censuses 1860 - 1870 statewide, 1880 & 1910 and many more early resources. **Contact Patti Larkin at 541-929-6230 ext 307 to make an appointment to search these records in the Philomath museum.**

For online research go to an online catalog to see Oregon Digital, Northwest Digital Heritage, and Historic Oregon Newspapers.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Olsen, Secretary

Reminder: May 30th 12 noon - 6:pm is the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Benton County Historical Society.

