



20 May 2025  
Member Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** - President Anne Billeter called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was declared with 16 members present and 4 on Zoom for a total of 20. The meeting was in person and via Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes** *Kim Thurman moved to approve the April 2025 Meeting Minutes. Marilyn Ayres seconded. Motion carried.*

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Total income	\$ 3,367.58
Total expense	\$ 5,953.91
Net operating income	\$-2,586.33
Net income	\$-2577.29

Treasurer Valerie Sanders noted that although our income indicates a negative situation, we are still within our budget.

#### **Member Sharing**

Rich Miles reminded members never to give up. An email he sent two years ago to a relative (and had forgotten about) was recently answered. Rich learned of famous and interesting relatives, including an Auschwitz survivor.

Marilyn Ayres stated that she was able to look through records in Salt Lake City and hopes to be able to make some connections.

#### **Scholarship Winner**

Marilyn Ayres introduced RVGS' 2025 Scholarship award winner, Lillie Hills. Lillie plans to attend OSU Honors College to pursue biology and pre-veterinary coursework. She also plans to take American Sign Language classes with Western Oregon University. Lillie also brought us cookies, which were a big hit!

**Business Meeting Adjourned** 1:45 by President Anne Billeter.

Member Kim Thurman presented a well-researched and fascinating program on "Shady Cove People."

#### **Summary Reports**

1. **Education** – Jeanne Hoadley - We are planning Genealogy Week: September 22-27: 6 classes with practice sessions each afternoon, Monday - Saturday.
2. **Membership** - Loretta Barker - Membership stands at 608. Membership retention is a concern that is being addressed, specifically with the Genie program.
3. **Volunteer** - Ann Baracker - We currently have 77 volunteers and have a number of vacant positions. In order to have a 2025 open house, we need volunteers to coordinate the event.
4. **Library** - Anne Billeter - One of the ways we add useful books to the collection at no cost, is buy trading surplus books with the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. We recently received two heavy boxes of books from YVGS. Watch for them in the next few months on the New Books counter and with a link to the list of Additions to the collection in each eNews.
5. **Rogue Digger** - the newest issue of the Rogue Digger was just published, with stories, helpful hints, and some unusual newspaper story "finds." Be sure to read it!

#### **Upcoming Programs and Meetings:**

- **Brick Wall Round Table:** Wednesday, May 21, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, facilitated by Rich Cunningham.
- **Next Board Meeting:** Monday, June 9, at 9:30 AM at the library and by zoom. Members welcome!
- **Next Program & Member Meeting:** Tuesday, June 17, at 1:30 PM, "Who was Jean Maack and What is the Jean Maack Collection" by Anne Billeter
- **"The Applegate Trail Quilt":** Thursday, June 26, at 1:00 PM, A Quilts and Genealogy program by Sue Waldron.

**Upcoming Classes:** Online pre-registration is required at [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org) by noon the day before.

- Classes are now available as hybrid: register to receive Zoom link or view in the library.
- Practice Sessions do not require registration and are in person only.
- 1. Google Earth Pro - Thursday, May 29, 10:30 AM-Noon with in person practice session, 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Kim Thurman.
- 2. Genealogy 101 - Using the Bureau of Land Management Website - Thursday, June 12, 10:30 AM- Noon, In Person AND 6:00 - 7:30 PM Zoom - Barbara Northrop.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ullrich, secretary