

Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Members in attendance: Nancy Hill, Clive Gray, Lise Armstrong, Janet Long, Erika Karp, BJ Gray, Kyle Gray, Jenny Stoner, Ellen Celnik, Barbara Brooke

Nancy called the meeting to order.

For today's history moment Nancy asked everyone to share a memory of something they loved to do as a 10 year old.

President's report: Nancy related that Kyle's work on GHS applications was on-going. There was a discussion of the GHS being a hot spot for people but that currently the Library is the best site for wi-fi reception in town.

There was a brief discussion of available grants. Kyle will work on a program for a grant request from the NEK initiative of the VT Community Foundation.

The **Secretary's** report was accepted.

Clive gave the **Treasurer's** report. Janet noted that we requested \$1000 from the Greensboro Association but received \$250. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Business

The recent failure of the GHS furnace/boiler was discussed at length.

Early in the morning of Thursday, April 5th the temperature/fire alarm at the GHS went off. It was discovered that we had water running into the archive room as a result of a furnace failure.

The situation was contained with the help of Ron Kerr, turning off the water, Paul Davis' crew who vacuumed up the water, set up heaters and dehumidifiers and GHS members who helped clear artifacts from the affected areas. As of the meeting on Tuesday the area was dry and being heated by space heaters from Paul Davis.

Since the GHS has a contract with Bourne's, they were called to assess the situation and they submitted a proposal for a replacement heating system. Before any decisions are made about a replacement, Nancy will gather two additional estimates for heating systems.

Summer Exhibit

BJ gave an update on the upcoming summer exhibit which will be titled, "A Decade in Time." This will be an exhibit of photos with captions we received from the decade of the 1980's from the Hardwick Gazette. She said that the exhibit is coming along well and that she needs some artifacts to compliment the photo subject matter. She has a list. She will also follow up on procuring a tear-drop shaped banner similar to the banner we used last summer and placed outside to announce the exhibit.

Acquisitions

Nancy reported that Leslie has advised that there is not much happening on this front. She is researching a Patience Hinsman for Sue Strong Lewis.

Newsletter

Jenny reported on the upcoming newsletter which she will have out by Memorial Day. The deadline for submissions is May 1st.

Assignments are as follows:

Nancy - President's Corner

Clive - Overview of winter program

BJ - Summer exhibit - A Decade in Time

Erika - Summer program with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, bio, photograph. Also find out for Kyle if he can record the program and photograph any artifacts.

Barbara - Building update

Janet - In memoriam

It was noted that Heather Lumsten (Spelling?) wishes to donate photos to GHS.

New Business

Kyle will send links to members for programs on the web site.

Nancy and Barbara will review the GHS by-laws.

Nancy mentioned putting together a brochure on endowments for GHS. Becky Arnold is helping the Library in this capacity; she may be a good resource. Nancy said that it was an endowment fund that was used for the GHS building.

BJ noted that the write up of some Esther Williams photos provided by Bridget Collier enhanced the pictures. She suggested that the exhibit could be made more interactive by providing a note pad for anyone who could add some detail to a particular photo and the notes could be posted by the photo.

Erika mentioned the Bend Revitalization project being spearheaded by Peter Romans and Mark Snyder.

The new HRC will be ready to go in June.

BJ also wondered if the Block House artifacts could be permanently displayed at the GHS in an exhibit.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8th, 12:30pm at the Greensboro Free Library.