

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting of April 12, 2016 at the Greensboro Free Library

Attending: Jennie Stoner, Nancy Hill, Lily McAteer, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Gina Jenkins, Marion Babbie, Anne Harbison, Erika Karp, Janet Long, BJ Gray, Barbara Brooke

Nancy Hill called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

History Moment: BJ Gray shared a book by W. Tadd Pfeffer, *The Hand of the Small Town Builder*, that contains a chapter on Greensboro builder Geoge Fowler. Fowler built more than 40 cottages around Caspian Lake, including Anne Harbison and Jenny Stoner's lake houses and the King house on Black's Point. He died in 1942 and is buried in Greensboro.

President's Report: Nancy Hill reported that the calendar for GHS 2016 summer events is on the website and was distributed at Town Meeting in March. She has found that the Vermont Historical Society has a local history newsletter on-line that will list our events, and will also send the calendar to the Free Press. Nancy thanked Glen Brooke for building the new display panels from three doors. Willie Smith has painted them and they will be used at the Tunbridge exhibit and for the summer exhibit. She also thanked Wendy and Bob Parrish for the large map of Greensboro lakes and streams that was used at the Winter Meeting in March and will be used in Tunbridge and the summer exhibit. Kyle Gray was thanked for the video of the winter meeting that is now on the web site. In the area of climate control, Tom Anastasio has agreed to set up the dehumidifier in the work room so that it will drain outside the building. Gina Jenkins is down-loading the information from the humidity and temperature monitors.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February and March meetings were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Clive Gray distributed the budget and expenses through April 10, 2016. He noted that he may have to dip into the Vanguard Wellesley Fund to meet expenses before dues and donations are received this Spring. Laura Hill will be asked to take care of the Slack Memorial Garden paid for from the Ann Slack Garden Fund.

Building: Nancy Hill reported that the Fire Department will tour the GHS building this Spring in order to know what to expect in case of a fire. The Fire Department will be offering a community workshop this summer on how to use a home fire extinguisher.

Acquisitions: Willie Smith and Leslie Rowell have put up new shelving for new acquisitions. Marvelseal has been ordered to cover the pressed-board shelving in the work room.

Research: Anne Harbison is working on updating the information on the list of Greensboro Authors at the Greensboro Free Library. Becky Arnold and Jeanne Joslin have volunteered to update the Greensboro Author files at the Historical Society. Cathie Wilkinson received a request from a man in Helsinki, Finland, looking for a painting purchased by Lucy Sprague Mitchell. Cathie put him in touch with Mitchell family members and found that the painting is here in Greensboro.

Spring Newsletter: Jennie Stoner asked for volunteers for newsletter articles – Due MAY FIRST!!!! Nancy Hill or Willie Smith will write the President's Corner; Jennie Stoner will write an overview of the Winter Program on the Greensboro water system; Gina Jenkins will provide a write-up on the exhibits for Tunbridge and the summer; Tim Breen will be asked to provide information on his June

seminar; Willie will report on the Hurst collection; Gina will give an update on the Genealogy project; Nancy will provide a building update; Gail Sangree will write an overview of the 2016 Hazen Road Dispatch; Janet Long will prepare the In Memoriam list; Clay Simpson will report on the plans for the 2017 summer exhibit on China as well as writing a profile of volunteers Marion Babbie and Anne Harbison; Lily McAteer will write an article on the new Facebook page. The newsletter will also include the summer calendar and membership renewal form.

Clive was asked to provide a count for the newsletter mailing and there will be an additional 50 printed for distribution this summer. Jenny is looking for a printer for the newsletter. Lily offered to find out who GAAR is using.

Hazen Road Dispatch: Gail Sangree sent a note thanking everyone who has contributed articles. She will bring the 2016 HRDs with her when she returns to Greensboro in June.

Facebook: Lily McAteer has set up a Facebook page for the Historical Society with links to the website. She received an inquiry about Uncle Hiram's Lodge that Willie Smith was able to answer. Willie will provide the History Minute in May on the Lodge.

Website and Technology: The main computer in the work room is old and Windows will no longer be supporting the program in May. Nancy asked Kyle Gray to research the options for a new computer and a motion to purchase a new computer under \$500 was passed unanimously. Clive Gray suggested that we look for a grant to support the webmaster and Gina Jenkins asked that GHS apply for another grant from the Greensboro Association for the genealogy project. Nancy Hill will talk with the Vermont Historical Society about potential sources of funds.

Tunbridge: The Vermont History Expo will be held in Tunbridge in June and we will take the water mills exhibit from the March meeting. Wendy and Bob Parrish will be asked if they can provide an overlay of roads in Greensboro for the water map. Gina Jenkins and Willie Smith are going to a VHS workshop for the History Expo on April 20.

Summer Exhibit: Willie Smith is working on a section on recreation; Gina Jenkins is working on a section on ice harvesting. Erika Karp has donated a large and a small aquarium to hold fish and crayfish from the lake. Penny Bretschneider has offered to help with the ecology corner and to provide workshops for children. Erika will bring a wading pool for outside water play. Kyle Gray is working on a sound track of lake sounds, including the ice in winter and loons in summer. John Schweitzer and Stuart Arnold have taken pictures of ice damage this winter. Rick Yeiser is doing a feeder stream study that could also be included.

Nancy Hill reported that she hosted Stephen Perkins, the new Director of the Vermont Historical Society and Kristen Dodge, the Development Director, at a luncheon at her house. Representatives of the Glover Historical Society and the Hardwick Historical Society were also invited to discuss how each organization might work with the others. The luncheon ended with a short tour of the GHS building.

The Annual Meeting in August will be a panel discussion of the Greensboro families who had connections with China in the 19th and 20th centuries. June Bascom is working on organizing this.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Historical Society.
Respectfully submitted, Gina Jenkins, Secretary