

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting of February 9, 2016 at the Greensboro Free Library

Attending: Willie Smith, Jennie Stoner, Nancy Hill, Lily McAteer, Larry Lumsden, Nan Perron, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Gina Jenkins, Marion Babbie

HISTORY MOMENT: Larry Lumsden talked about his family dairy farm in Greensboro. He brought photographs and other memorabilia. His talk was taped and the video can be seen on the Greensboro Historical Society website greensborohistoricalsociety.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nancy Hill reported that GHS has received the report and recommendations from Rick Kershner on regulating temperature and humidity in the GHS building. Work is being done by Cold Hollow Electric to upgrade the fire alarm system so that the Fire Department will be called when the alarm is activated, as well as an alarm when the temperature in the building gets too low and pipes are in danger of freezing. The system will cost \$1,658 to be paid for by the Town of Greensboro. GHS will pay the annual maintenance fees. In addition, new fire extinguishers have been placed by every door. This summer the Greensboro Fire Department will offer fire extinguisher training to anyone interested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the meeting in January were accepted with one correction - Leslie Rowell is "accessioning" items.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clive Gray noted that Rick Kershner has only charged GHS \$700 and has made an in-kind donation of \$1,177 for his services. Clive will check with the Town Clerk to see if the town insurance covers the GHS building and liability.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING: Willie Smith reported that it is a constant struggle to keep mold from growing in the work room. A representative from the Paul Davis Company in Hardwick came to look at conditions in the work room downstairs. He recommended the use of Lysol spray, a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter, and an air purifier. This summer, the dehumidifier should be used in the work room. It would be prudent to landscape the south side of the building with a swale to keep water away from the walls. Kyle Gray has installed two PEM2 monitors recommended by Rick Kershner to keep track of changes in temperature and humidity in the front room on the first floor and in the work room.

PUBLICATIONS: Jennie Stoner asked for pictures for the upcoming May newsletter and noted that she is looking for a new publisher for the newsletter. Nancy Hill thanked her for a fine Fall issue.

ACQUISITIONS: Willie Smith reported that Leslie Rowell is working on the Hurst collection.

WEBSITE: Gina Jenkins reported that she and Kyle Gray have scanned over 1,000 items and entered over 5,000 names into the genealogy program on the GHS website. She invited everyone to take a look. It was suggested that GHS have a table at Town Meeting with a laptop computer so that people could look at the website, as well as some of the award-winning *Forty Years of the Hazen Road Dispatch* books for sale.

MEETINGS/EXHIBITS: Wendy Parrish and her husband Bob have produced a 40" by 40" map of the lakes, rivers and streams in Greensboro using digital files from State sources. It has been

mounted on gaterboard and laminated with a coat of matte plastic. Wendy noted that they found two Mud Ponds and two Porter Brooks. This map will be used at the Winter Meeting in March and at the Tunbridge exhibit in May to show where water mills have been located in Greensboro. Nancy Hill thanked Wendy and Bob for all their work on this project. Lilly McAteer will put together a facebook page for GHS and send out a press release for the Winter meeting.

The Winter Meeting will be on Sunday, March 6, at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring refreshments.

Willie Smith is working on the 2016 calendar of GHS events to be handed out at Town Meeting. Tim Breen has offered to lead a seminar on his Revolutionary War research this summer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Archaeological Horizons has asked for support for an upcoming book on the excavation of the Greensboro blockhouse. Nancy will ask for additional information for a discussion at the April meeting.

The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Jenkins, Secretary