

## **Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

### **Members in attendance:**

Willie Smith, Clive Gray, Lise Armstrong, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Kyle Gray, BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Barbara Brooke

Willie called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed for two departed GHS members who died this past December: Anne Pinkney and Ercel Harvey. Both had contributed a great deal to the society.

### **History Moment:**

BJ Gray, trustee, provided the group with a colorful recounting of her life travels beginning in Newburgh, NY to Tunisia, North Africa to Greensboro.

### **Business:**

There will be a planning retreat on January, 24th from 9:00 - 11:00am at Nancy Hill's house. The focus will be planning future activities of group and setting the calendar. Coffee and muffins will be provided; all are welcome.

The group thanks Lise Armstrong for the use of her Christmas tree at the GHS building and Bonnie Cleveland for the wreath in memory of Mary Stone

The Freeman Foundation has given the GHS a grant of \$5000.00 to be used to mount the Old China Hands exhibit. BJ will work on a dragon design to be used on a tee shirt.

Meeting minutes were accepted. Barbara will file hard copies of minutes and Kyle will help set up an online folder to accept electronic copies of minutes.

The treasurer's report from the prior meeting was accepted.

### **Committee Reports:**

A Victrola had been given to the society many years ago, before there was a GHS building, and it had been stored in the library of the UCC church. Nancy reported that the owner of the Antiques Emporium in Lyndonville bought it and the records stored in it for the sum of \$100.00.

Nancy and Clive reported on the GHS building. Rich Kerschner, our Conservation Consultant, gave the building PEM audit a positive report for the year. Nancy read excerpts from his report. The dehumidifier is working well; humidity is above 35 percent in winter. We paid \$225.00 this year for Mr. Kerschner to monitor the building.

The non-metal shelves in the archives have all now been covered with Marvelseal and that project is complete.

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Clive reported that the heating system failed and Bourne's was called on November 25. They discovered that the heat pump was not working and the fix cost \$250.00. However, the pump fix was flawed, and Kyle, when working downstairs, discovered a water leak in the crawl space on December 5th. It turned out to be due to an incorrectly placed seal. A second repair was needed immediately and was done at no additional charge.

Regarding the recent request for a donation toward the publication of a book about the blockhouse project, Nancy proposed we donate \$1000.00 to the project as a good will gesture and suggested we amend the budget to reflect this amount. However, it was not voted since several members felt we are still lacking details of how the funds will be used. Nancy will write a second letter to Jill Baker and Pat Haslam requesting more details.

The GHS Winter Meeting will be on Sunday, March 5th, 2:00 - 4:00pm, Fellowship Hall. The subject will be "Car Talk" about the garages in town. Speakers will include: Tim Nisbet - Greensboro Garage, Anne Hanson & Jacquie Molleur - Tanguay's Garage, Janet Long - Lyle's Garage. We are in hopes that photographs of old cars with their histories will be provided by Andy Dales, Clive Gray, Bill Alley and others.

### **Other Business:**

Nancy reported on the news from the Vermont Historical Society. They are trying to connect more with local societies to provide help when it is needed and will provide a Local Historical Society Gallery in the updated Vermont History Museum in Montpelier for displays by local societies. They have asked local historical societies to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 for this purpose.

An idea was floated for the August meeting - Achievers of Yesteryear: Rehnquist, Stegner, Gunther, Whitehead, Sprague Mitchell, Gulick, Barr, Edsall, Eisenhardt, Metraux, Fixx, Stone, Turrell, Smith, Jones, Hocking, Hill, etc.

Erika mentioned the possibility of having a summer program involving the history of the Bend.

There was a discussion of building a procedures manual for archiving at GHS to contain a locator map, a list of annual events, a mission statement, a grant manual and an administrative file. Martha Niemi has volunteered to help Marion Babbie with the volunteer coordination this summer.

Does anyone know about a "perfectly Harmless American Indian" who lived along the lake path and cleaned his fish outside? He build a house and the "town never disputed his right to live there on town property." Does anyone know his name? Or the location of his house? It would have been between the village beach and the Rev. Nichol's cottage, now Alan Bascom's, in the Blockhouse Hill/Barre Camps section. The time

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frame would have been around 1935 - 1941. The old 1938 would contain the names on the cottages. Nancy mentioned an "Indian Joe" who was a wanderer.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 12:30 at the GHS building.**