

Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Members in attendance:

Anne Harbison, Cathie Wilkinson, Clive Gray, Lisa Armstrong, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Kyle Gray, Nancy Hill, Wendy Parrish, Willie Smith, Barbara Brooke

History Moment:

Erika Karp provided a personal history of her life's journey from her early beginnings in Oakland, CA to present day in Greensboro. She described a snapshot of life in Vermont during the 1960's to current times, reflecting on economic and social changes she experienced.

It was noted at this point that the Vermont Historical Society's upcoming exhibit, "Freaks, Radicals, Hippies" is focusing on this particular time frame.

Committee Reports:

Willie reported on the Freeman grant for the China Hands exhibit. She and Nancy will take responsibility for drafting a cover letter for the grant. The grant itself is being written by June Bascom and her partner Michael Hoffman, who will be largely responsible for developing the exhibit. GHS will act as sponsor.

The meeting minutes were accepted.

The question of needing special insurance for this exhibit was discussed and since photos instead of actual artifacts will be used, it was deemed unnecessary.

Barbara Brooke will act as secretary for the remainder for the year.

Clive Gray presented the Treasurer's report. There was a discussion about dues and the fact that there have been fewer donations this year to date than in 2015. Have all GHS members paid dues? It was suggested that we obtain a list of all paid members. Clive is keeping track of all returned newsletters from which address data can be updated.

Kyle Gray said that we could add an entry to the GHS page about how to become a member.

There was an extended discussion about connecting with perspective GHS members through online media making use of local school Facebook or alumnae pages.

Kyle suggested that GHS could submit an item weekly to him for a website "find" for the GHS website, for instance highlighting a recent acquisition to the museum.

Anne Harbison told the group that Margaret Wilson Bellack brought in a scrapbook regarding the Wilson farm, containing documents and photos.

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Kyle told the group that he had taken all the photos of the 2016 summer exhibit and would back them up on the website. Willie will use them to make a scrapbook of the exhibit.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Nancy Hill reported on the Marvelseal project. The mold removal project is still underway with about 12 shelves remaining in the basement that need to be wrapped in Marvelseal. Lisa said she would help.

New Business:

The fall newsletter was discussed. Jenny Stoner said that it would be mailed between Thanksgiving and Christmas, possibly in early December.

Willie agreed to do write ups on the Tunbridge exhibit, on Caspian feeder streams, the ice cream social, historical preservation progress, the China hands program, the Lakeview Classes, and red pines. Nancy will report on the winter meeting.

Cathie Wilkinson brought up the subject of inquiries received by GHS and suggested a short write up on the type of questions received and the help we can provide.

There was a discussion about the proposed winter Car Talk meeting involving area garages. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in March. There was a discussion of a raffle for a ride in a local classic car. There will be more discussion on this subject at a future date.

The December gathering of the society will be a potluck dinner at Nancy and Clive's early in December and will replace the meeting.

A potluck luncheon and meeting, hosted by the Orleans Historical Society for local societies will be held in the Old Stone House Museum on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th at the library, at 12:30. The change in time is to accommodate the home schoolers who attend the library on Tuesdays.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Barbara Brooke