

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015

In attendance: Janet Long, Wendy Parrish, BJ Gray, Jenny Stoner, Cathie Wilkinson, Clive Gray, Erica Karp, Tom Hurst, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Willie Smith-Presiding.

Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were **approved** with two corrected spellings.

President's Report: Willie Smith has been talking with Leslie Rowell about working four hours a week doing archiving chores beginning in May. Mark Schneider has not yet finished his energy audit of the building.

Treasurer's Report: Clive Gray reported that there has not been much change in the financial report. He has had a few requests for email newsletters. There was a discussion of how to reach more people. Wendy Parish agreed to design forms to distribute at GHS programs asking people if they would like to have the newsletter by email, and soliciting their email addresses. This information will also be added to the dues envelopes in the next membership mailing. Tom Hurst suggested that the 2015 schedule for GHS programs and events be printed and distributed at Town Meeting on March 3.

History Moment: Gina Jenkins presented a short history of Homeopathy and read excerpts from a book belonging to Cathie Wilkinson titled *Cold-Catching, Cold-Preventing, Cold-Curing* by John H. Clarke, M.D., printed in London by James Epps & Co. in 1888. She is currently researching medical care in the Greensboro area for the summer exhibit, and asked for donations of sick-room equipment, as well as stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs for kids to try.

Building: It was decided to hire Shawn Richard to shovel the GHS sidewalk for the rest of the winter. It was also decided to get estimates from Diana Griffith and Ruth Galliard for replacing the peeling wall paper in the front room with an appropriate historic wallpaper in a neutral color. Wendy Parish volunteered to help choose the wallpaper.

Acquisitions: Cathie Wilkinson said that she has been doing research for several people who have requested help with local genealogy. GHS has received a framed photograph of Lester Perrin in his shop, located behind Willeys Store.

2015 Exhibit: Gina Jenkins and Cathie Wilkinson are working on the summer exhibit on health care. Gina has been in contact with the Glover historical society and plans to plant a medicinal herb garden with plants from the Glover homesite of a midwife from the early 19th century.

Programs: The March 1 meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. Mary Metcalf will present Images of Greensboro from the Henry Merrill Collection and ask the audience to help identify people and locations. Gina Jenkins volunteered to be the scribe. Janet Long will make coffee and tea, other members are asked to provide cookies and other refreshments. Wendy Parish will provide posters to publicize the event. Willie Smith will get address labels from the Town Office for residents of the Bend in order to send them invitations to the event.

The museum will open for the summer on June 27th with an opening party from 4-5:30.

Leslie Rowell is working with the Vermont Historical Society on a state-wide program on the Hippie

Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. There will be a panel discussion at the Hardwick Historical Society on April 7. Leslie will be asked if the program will be taped, and if GHS may have a copy. For our own program on the Hippie Movement in July, suggestions were made to emphasize Civil Rights and the anti-Vietnam War movement as well as music, clothing, and drugs. Willie Smith pointed out that the back-to-the land movement saved agriculture in Vermont. GHS will work with Leslie and suggest people to be interviewed for the VHS project.

The Ice Cream Social will be held on August 8 and the Book Sale on Labor Day Weekend.

The annual meeting on August 10th will discuss Health Care in the Greensboro Area. Dr. Mark Lichtenstein will be invited to speak, and will be recognized for his many years of service to the community.

Hazen Road Dispatch - 2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the HRD and Gail is working on the anniversary edition. Tim Breen has written the introduction.

Tech/website/digitizing collection - Tom Anastasio, Willie Smith and Clive Gray met with Deborah Hewes, Professor of Computer Science at Lyndon State in January. She has provided GHS with a team of three students who are designing a digital genealogy file. It is anticipated that they will have a system ready by the end of May and that volunteers will begin scanning the contents of the Genealogy files at GHS this summer.

Gina Jenkins demonstrated the interactive exhibit on Toys and Games before 1960 that will soon appear on the GHS website. Tom Anastasio invited everyone to listen to the archived tape recordings now on the GHS website and help identify the speakers.

A lead Docent is needed to organize and train the summer docents/volunteers to help keep the museum open this summer. Martha Niemi was thanked for her many years of service as volunteer coordinator. She will continue to help organize various events and write thank-you notes.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21 at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Gina Jenkins, Secretary