

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015

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

Minutes of the October 2014 meeting were **approved as written**.

Treasurer's Report: Clive Gray presented the Budget and operating expenses for 2013, 2014, and 2015. He noted that the Greensboro Association has contributed \$2,000 toward the 40th anniversary issue of the Hazen Road Dispatch. Expenses included \$727 for gardening in 2014. Nancy Hill said that she would monitor the work in 2015 to keep expenses to \$500. Stephanie Herrick has been taking care of the garden in front of the building in memory of her mother. As she is moving to Burlington, future garden expenses may be taken from the Ann Slack Garden Fund in the Vermont Community Loan Fund set up by Stephanie to maintain the garden in perpetuity. Clive pointed out that less fuel was used in the Fall of 2014. **The 2015 budget was approved as presented.** For 2015 Jenny Stoner and Mike Cassidy will serve on the Finance Committee to review the Treasurer's accounts.

Mark Schneider volunteered his time in 2014 to do an energy efficiency survey of the Historical Society building. Erica Karp made a motion to pay Mark to do an efficiency test this winter and to prepare an estimate to do the necessary work to improve the energy efficiency of the building. **The motion was passed** and Erica will contact Mark Schneider.

History Moment - Nancy Hill shared a copy of a photograph of the Greensboro Bend Band taken in Hardwick in 1897. This was given to GHS by the Glover Historical Society. In addition, she told the group that Wallace Daily, the son of Rev. James Daily who was the minister in Greensboro in the 1950s, came to Greensboro last summer to see where his parents had worked. His mother had a 1940s watercolor painting by Frances Day Lukens of the farmhouse at Campbells Corner that he wanted to share with GHS. He has donated a full-size digital copy made of the painting that Nancy displayed. Several members suggested that it be framed and hung at GHS, and an appropriate wall will be sought.

Building Report: The motor on the furnace burned out in December during a power brown-out. Tom Anastasio installed a device that monitors the temperature in the front room. If the temperature goes below 45 degrees for half an hour, near-by members will be called (Tom Anastasio, Janet Long, Clive Gray). Clive Gray reported that on December 29, a Court judgement refused to accept the Town's designation of the Perin Road as a class Four town road. No damages were awarded to Mr. Masse. It was agreed to wait and see if Willeys Store had any problems with access in the future.

Acquisitions: Willie Smith asked for help doing acquisitions. Willie wants people familiar with Greensboro history and people, who could do the process without supervision. Leslie Rowell will be asked if she would be willing to continue to work on the collection as a paid 4-hour a week job. An advertisement on Front Page Forum might find someone willing to do data entry. Other people were suggested and Willie will follow up.

Exhibits: Gina Jenkins reported that photographs of the 2014 exhibit on Toys and Games before 1960 have been put into an album. She is working with Nancy Hill and Cathie Wilkinson on an exhibit on Health Care in Greensboro for 2015.

Publicity: Jenny Stoner was thanked for a great fall newsletter. She will be working on publicity for the March program on Henry Merrill's photographs.

Hazen Road Dispatch: Gail Sangree is working on the 40th Anniversary edition.

Digitizing Collection: Tom Anastasio reported that he has contacted a professor at Lyndon State University to set up an internship at GHS to design a system to digitize the genealogy files. Data entry would be done by GHS volunteers once the system is in place.

Tom Anastasio suggested that GHS can get a free credit card reader from Pay Pal that could be used for sales of books and t-shirts as well as donations and membership payments. He was encouraged to get one.

Programs: The winter program will be a presentation by Mary Metcalf of some of Henry Merrill's photographs. The July meeting will be about the Hippie Movement in the Greensboro area between 1965 and 1975, led by Willie Smith. The Annual Meeting in August will be about Health Care in Greensboro, led by Gina Jenkins and Nancy Hill. Dr. Lichtenstein was suggested as an honoree since he is retiring.

Volunteers: A volunteer coordinator is needed for this summer.

Other Business: Clay Simpson has asked for people to help him on his China article and the exhibit for 2016. Anne Harbison offered to share her research with him.

Archiving GHS Minutes - Willie Smith said that she is trying to put together a complete set of minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm. The next meeting will be in the Library meeting room on Tuesday, February 10 at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Jenkins, Secretary