

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes- June 9, 2015

In attendance: Wendy Parrish, Janet Long, Erika Karp, Tom Hurst, Gail Sangree, Clive Gray, Nancy Hill, Jenny Stoner, Martha Niemi, Cathie Wilkinson, Willie Smith- Presiding

President's Report- Willie Smith announced that the Stowe Historical Society is interested in a joint exhibit in 2016. Stowe has connections with some of the Greensboro families (Allman, Freeman, Bascom, Hale) who were businessmen in China. The two Historical Societies might also want to consider collaborating on a joint exhibit in Tunbridge.

Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report- Clive Gray noted that we are currently in a cash deficit position but donations are coming in. The 40th Anniversary HRD bills may need to be paid before the money is in so will have to take it out of the Vanguard Fund. The treasurer's reported was accepted as printed.

Building Maintenance- Clive reported that the septic holding tanks which were full and overflowing have been pumped out but the bill has not been received yet. The toilets and sink are operational again.

Exhibit- Dr. Mark Lichtenstein will be presented with a gift from GHS at the opening reception in appreciation for his years of service to the community. It will likely be a plant to be planted at the Greensboro Nursing Home with an appropriate plaque. Nancy Hill and Erika will figure out who else might be personally invited to the opening from the Health Care community. Martha requested goodies for reception. She will do set-up and punch. Volunteers are still needed to man the exhibits during the summer open hours. Martha Niemi said she would do a shift and so will Cathie Wilkinson. Please contact Gina Jenkins if you can help out, including filling in for absent volunteers. Need a spruce up committee for the Hill exhibit Tues the 23rd at 10. Contact Willie if you can help.

Technology- 1. Tom Anastasio would like to get and set up an Ethernet connection from the copy machine donated by Ercel and Bud Harvey to the Fairpoint modem which would make the copier available from any computer on the GHS network. He will test it out with a borrowed Ethernet cable from the library before purchase. Not expensive. **Approved by those present.** 2. The group also **approved** buying AKEEBA as necessary to avoid doing a substantial code rewrite. 3. Gina will do the initial data-entry grunt work on the Genealogy data base on the website, establish procedures, write up instructions and find any problems before we turn the work over to less knowledgeable persons. **No decision** on whether we might get a grant or otherwise find a way to pay someone to do this or try to have computer knowledgeable members volunteer to do this.

Publicity- Calendars, green sheet etc. all updated. Wendy is doing posters.

Hazen Road Dispatch- Gail Sangree reported that the 40th Anniversary Hazen Road Dispatch is complete and scheduled to be delivered by June 27 so will be available

at Opening Reception. Only a few copies will be donated this year e.g. Greensboro and Vermont History libraries. Need to decide where to sell it and how much to charge. Will be close to \$30.00 each for 250 copies to break near even. Willey's Store is probably the best place to sell it, if they are willing. Will also be for sale at GHS and at GAAR program.

Newsletter has been sent out and first donations are coming in. Jenny was commended on an excellent issue and thanked for all her work on it.

Program- The August program and Annual meeting will be Monday, Aug 10 at 7:30. The title is The 70's Counter Culture in Greensboro. Panelists so far are David Allen, Chip Troiano (sp), and Regina Troiano. Elke? also suggested.

Nominating Committee- Janet and Erika are having a difficult time trying to get someone for the President's position. Could the job be split up? Co-Chairs? The By-Laws don't preclude this.

Thanks were extended to BJ Gray for creating and Kyle Gray for mounting, the MUSEUM sign which is now prominently displayed on the building. It should attract more visitors to the exhibits.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, **Sep 8** at noon.

Notes taken by Catherine Wilkinson filling in for Gina Jenkins, Secretary