

**GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**

In attendance: Willie Smith, BJ Gray, Jenny Stoner, Cathie Wilkinson, Erica Karp, Tom Hurst, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Janet Long, Clay Simpson, Martha Niemi

Minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting were accepted.

President's Report: Willie Smith noted that the Hardwick Historical Society was holding a meeting on Monday, May 18 at 7 pm in the Hardwick Town House with a talk on the Bayley Hazen Road. Tom Hurst has donated a scale from the old Greensboro Post Office used by his grandfather Robert Willey and great grandfather Bert Willey. Mark Snyder will do the work needed for greater energy efficiency of the building this fall.

Acquisitions: Cathie Wilkinson reported that the St. Louis, Missouri, County Historical Society has asked for a list of publications. Gina Jenkins noted that the Wisconsin Historical Society has just purchased six back issues of the Hazen Road Dispatch and has prepaid for a copy of this years special issue.

Exhibit: Gina Jenkins asked for items to be loaned for the exhibit, including a hospital-style bedside stand, medicinal plants and herbs, doll beds and other things for the children's corner, and two pillows. The working title is A History of Health Care in Greensboro. Martha Niemi will organize the set-up for the opening reception at the end of June and Bonnie has been asked to clean the museum for the reception.

Publicity: Willie Smith noted that she is publicizing all GHS events on the Greensboro Association's digital calendar, the Green Sheet, Front Porch Forum, posters, and the website.

Hazen Road Dispatch: Clay Simpson reported plans for a reception for the 40th Anniversary Issue of the Hazen Road Dispatch on Wednesday, August 12, in conjunction with the Greensboro Arts Alliance local writers forum. Clay Simpson and Alan Davis will lead a seminar that afternoon and Tim Breen will host an evening program at 7 pm followed by a reception hosted by the Greensboro Historical Society. Gina, Wendy Parish and Janet Long have already volunteered to help with the reception. Others are needed. Clay also noted that Sarah Mutrex has asked that her fee for the cover art of the Hazen Road Dispatch be contributed to the Art House in Craftsbury.

Newsletter: Jenny Stoner is collecting articles and needs them by May 20 for a mailing in early June. She noted that a new picture of the trustees is needed for the website.

Tech/website: Tom Anastasio reported that he has been working on digitizing the cassette tapes in the GHS collection and posting them to the website in order to preserve the material. Willie Smith invited people to go on-line and listen to some of the conversations. The Lyndon State student interns have designed a very nice system for entering genealogical data, but more work needs to be done to meld it with the GHS website. Willie Smith noted that the GHS website should be included with all publicity about GHS events.

Summer Programs: Gina Jenkins asked for help putting together a panel on the history of health care in Greensboro. Willie Smith is working on the program on Greensboro in the 70s.

Volunteers: Gina Jenkins is the volunteer coordinator this year. She is planning on having the museum open from 10-12 and 1-3 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 - 12 on Saturdays in July and August. She is looking for volunteers.

BJ Gray reported that she is working on an exterior sign that would read "Museum" to match the GHS exterior sign already in place.

Elections: Janet Long and Erika Karp are the nominating committee this year for elections at the August meeting.

Other Business: Cathie Wilkinson pointed out that the Bayley Hazen Road monument on the Craftsbury Road, placed by Miss Jean Simpson, needs to be cleaned and re-set. The monument is in Craftsbury and such a project would have to be coordinated with Don Houghton at the Craftsbury Historical Society and the property owner. Janet Long moved that the Greensboro Historical Society pursue the project. The motion was seconded and approved.

The next meeting will be June 9 at 12:00 in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Jenkins, Secretary