

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes- October 13, 2015

In attendance: Janet Lyles, Lily McAteer, Tom Hurst, Merrill Hurst, Anne Harbison, Jennie Stoner, Willie Smith, Gina Jenkins, Nancy Hill, Barbara Brook, Una Lou Richardson, John Miller, Deborah Hebert, Todd Hebert, Jeanne Josclin, Cathie Wilkinson, Marion Babbie, Erika Karp

The meeting began with a pizza party farewell to Tom Hurst. Tom contributed chocolate chip cookies.

President's Report- Willie Smith thanked Tom Hurst for taking care of the Willey family history, and for all the hours he has spent with Una Lou Richardson identifying material in the archives. He and Merrill are moving to New York State on October 21 and will be missed. Tom has given a great deal of material to GHS on permanent loan, as well as 55,000 digital photographs of Greensboro scenes and Greensboro people. Nancy and Willie thanked Tom for making the work fun, and for all the chocolate chip cookies. We hope that they will come back to visit Greensboro, but we will be in touch by email.

The 40th Anniversary edition of the Hazen Road Dispatch has sold very well. We have approximately 75 copies left for sale. The League of Local Historical Societies and Museums annual meeting will be held in Burlington on October 30. The HRD has been given an "Award of Excellence" and the presentation will be made to Gail Sangree, Brian Pendergast, and other GHS members that morning. Congratulations to Gail and all the other contributors. Anyone who wishes to attend can register on-line at <http://vermonthistory.org/visit/events-calendar/league-meeting>. Carpooling will be arranged.

In 2017 we will celebrate the Greensboro Historical Society's 40th anniversary.

Secretary's Report - The September 2015 minutes were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Copies of the GHS budget and operating expenses report through October 5, 2015 was distributed. The Town of Greensboro 2015 appropriation of \$1,500 should be available soon.

Building - The insulation project has been finished. Climate control for the work-room was discussed. Nancy Hill will explore the possibility of getting an expert from the Vermont Historical Society, or elsewhere, to assess the situation. We may possibly need an air conditioner, dehumidifier, or air exchange system.

Acquisitions - Willie Smith explained that GHS does not accept guns or other things that someone would want to steal.

Research - Cathie Wilkinson responds to research questions by email or mail. A recent question involved a store owned by the Michaud family in the early 1800s. She has not been able to find a record of it in either Greensboro or Greensboro Bend.

Exhibits - An exhibit on the connection of four Greensboro families to China being organized by Clay Simpson with the Hales, Freemans, Burnams, and Corbetts, needs people to work on creating the display. Lily McAteer and Jeanne Josclin expressed interest in working on the project.

Hazen Road Dispatch - Gail Sangree and her editorial committee are working on the 2016 edition.

Fall Newsletter - Jennie Stoner asked for commitments for newsletter articles and some photos.

Nancy Hill will write the President's letter to include highlights of 2015. Gina will write about the genealogy project, website, including the Greensboro High School yearbooks that were scanned and are now on-line, as well as the school visits to the History of Health Care in Greensboro exhibit and the two tours of the Lincoln Noyes cemetery that she gave for the Library. Clay Simpson will write about the coming China-Greensboro exhibit. The articles are due by **November 1**.

Technical Assistance - Kyle Gray will take on this function as a paid consultant. He has asked for \$35 an hour and will keep track of his hours until the end of 2015 to estimate the number of hours needed and the annual cost. He will also be working on the genealogy scanning project until the end of the year for which he will be paid from the Greensboro Association grant of \$750.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 10 at 12:00 noon** at the Historical Society. Nancy Hill will be presiding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Jenkins, Secretary