

Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Members in attendance: Nancy Hill, Clive Gray, Lise Armstrong, Janet Long, Erika Karp, BJ Gray, Kyle Gray, Jenny Stoner, Wendy Parrish, Martha Niemi, Barbara Brooke

Nancy called the meeting to order.

She thanked Lise, Leslie and Kyle for putting the archive room back together and extended a thank you to all members who assisted with the furnace failure event.

The **Secretary's** report was accepted after a minor correction was made to change "HRC" to "HRD".

Upcoming events:

GHS will open with a reception on **Sunday, July 1.**

The ice cream social will be held on **Saturday, August 4th.**

The annual meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 6** - with a presentation by Bobby Farlice-Rubio on the subject of "Indigenous Vermonters."

The annual book sale will be held on **Saturday, September 1st.** We need a set up and clean up crew.

Clive gave the **Treasurer's** report. The new furnace and all expenses associated with the clean up effort is expected to be around \$20,000, with the cost of a new furnace running less than \$10,000.00. We haven't received a bill from Paul Smith for clean up yet. Paul Smith will also build the new furnace room. Other expenses include removal of the current oil tank outside. Our building insurance will cover water clean up expenses.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

History Moment

Who was Orange King? Nancy read an excerpt from an article by Joan Alexander about a man named Orange King. There will be an article on this subject in the new edition of the Hazen Road Dispatch.

A discussion about old cellar holes ensued which led to the topic of historical hikes in the area, which used to be led annually. Nancy suggested that we think about collaborating with the Land Trust to bring back this event and pair it with a map for the particular hike.

Business

Jenny reported that the newsletter is almost ready to go to the printer. It was decided that we would increase the number of copies printed since we ran out of newsletters last year.

Stuffing party at Martha's house on Tuesday, May 22, at 9:30.

Summer Exhibit

BJ and Wendy gave an update on the upcoming summer exhibit. BJ has ordered a flag for the museum.

Wendy had 10 posters for the exhibit "A Decade in Time."

Building Update

Nancy reported on the current state of the building. After discussion about furnace locations it appears that the new furnace room will be constructed at the site of our bookstore space.

The oil tank needs to be removed and disposed of; Ross Environmental will test the soil.

She will investigate the option of having a rinnai space heater for the archive room.

Website Update

Kyle reported on the GHS website which he has backed up. He has added more videos and spruced up the front page. Send any content of interest to Kyle, the format can be pdf or pages format. Photographs are also welcome. He will be digitizing copies of the HRD, digital versions for future issues would be appreciated.

He has the outlines for two grants which he will give to Nancy.

Kyle also mentioned that if anyone needed anti-virus software he can get it for you at non-profit pricing.

Jenny asked if he could check to see how many hits our videos have received. He will check the demographics and bring a report to the next meeting.

Summer Volunteers

We need decent volunteers for the summer exhibit.

Nancy and Clive will work on Saturday mornings.

The Hill Exhibit needs a spruce up. There will be a clean up day on Tuesday, June 5th at 9:00am at the GHS.

Research

Leslie Rowell took a call from Sue Strong Lewis regarding Ephram Strong. Jan Travers did locate a reference to Robert Town, a son of Ephram.

It was noted that we are running low on several booklets in the GHS bookstore.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12th, 12:30pm at the Greensboro Free Library.

