

Greensboro Historical Society Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Present: Nancy Hill, Willie Smith, Lise Armstrong, Paula Harmon, Clive Gray, B.J. Gray, Jenny Stoner, Leslie Rowell, Kyle Gray, Allison Gardner, Lynette Courtney, Barbara Brooke

Nancy opened the meeting.

BJ spoke about two items: The GHS calendar has been updated and she has an antique sign from Dusty Messier's sawmill. She intends to print up the info relating to the historical significance. She will talk to Leslie and Willie. Rick Sullivan now owns the property.

Barbara read the answers to the the trivia challenge.

President's Report:

Newsletter - Lyle, Clive and Lise are working on updating the mailing list.

Leslie has requested funding from the Greensboro Association to be applied for connecting to resources for out reach activities. She is completing the genealogy project and reported on activities over the last year.

Secretary's report: Erika took minutes at the last meeting. This was a correction to the minutes.

Treasurer's report: There were questions regarding the total donations for this year. There was a \$200 contribution to the Hardwick Gazette. Report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: The newsletter will be ready by noon tomorrow. Lise will pick up on Thursday. There will be 1000 copies, 600 envelopes. Jenny said the donation envelopes could be inserted into the crease of the folded letter. Stickers will hold in place.

Nancy and Clive will set up boxes of letters, envelopes, stickers and stamps for Covid-appropriate distancing stuffing. Boxes will be ready for pick up between 9 and 11am on Friday at the GHS to take home and process.

HRD: Who is in charge of the HRD? Gail will be coming up at the end of June. She has sent a list of who receives the Dispatch free of charge to Lise. Lise will send out copies to libraries. Kyle and Leslie also have that list.

Allison said she could set up spreadsheets as to the distribution numbers.

Leslie wondered if we could have copies of the Blockhouse book at Willey's store, and perhaps we could get a discount from the publisher.

Allison said she would be happy to help with the tracking of ALL publications starting in the fall. Nancy suggested talking to Erika since she has done work on this. Nancy will set up a Zoom meeting on this matter with Lise, Erika, Leslie, Allison and Gail.

Building updates: Nancy suggested that we need to form a building committee specifically to manage regular building maintenance and upkeep. Kyle will help by creating a spreadsheet or calendar. Allison said she'd like to learn more about this and Lise also volunteered.

Willie talked about the archives. Vertical files are numbered as are pamphlets and are in good shape. We need hanging files. Authors are next on the agenda. Nancy said we need a tour of the files. Leslie said there was a backlog of donated items. This is ongoing work and outreach is very important. Who donated, where, what is the biographical information associated with an item. There should be overviews of the collections we house, for instance the Hill Collection, The Highland Lodge Collection. We need both physical and intellectual control of our collections.

There was mention of a letter from a Mr. Nesbet who was looking for information on his great-grandfather who had a home in Greensboro and was a shoemaker. Willie suggested a file search perhaps related to a harness shop.

Nancy talked about an upcoming summer program to be done with Emily Purdy of the Library. Ms. Purdy is looking for a children's program. There were questions: Would this be a one-time event?

What age groups? What format? Jenny suggested a scavenger hunt around town. Would it be virtual?

Leslie, Willie and Jenny are interested and will get more information.

There was discussion about possibly opening the GHS this summer for one day a week. BJ could design a coloring page. There would have to be protocols in place for distancing and hand sanitizers and masks. Front Porch Forum could be used to announce this.

There was discussion of a book sale this summer. Lise will check out scheduling.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:42.