

Greensboro Historical Society
Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting

Attending: Lise Armstrong, Lynette Courtney, Alison Gardner, BJ Gray, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Paula Harmon, Nancy Hill, Erica Karp, Debbie Kasper, Janet Long, Wendy Parrish, Leslie Rowell, Willie Smith, Jenny Stoner

Absent: Mark Snyder, Martha Niemi

Submitted by: Alison Gardner, Temporary Secretary

History Moment: Janet Long (and others) shared information from her copy of Lyle's Newsletters (1957-1975). Taking an article or parts from several articles to make a newsletter or Hazen Road Dispatch article was suggested. The Historical Society and Library also have copies of the book of Lyle's newsletters.

President's Report: Nancy mentioned that Alison will be taking over secretarial duties for Barbara who resigned in December. She also mentioned that there are many things going on behind the scenes that will be discussed during the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 2020 meeting were accepted without correction.

Treasurer's Report: Lise presented some highlights from 2020 income and expenditures.

- Donations were higher in 2020 compared to 2019 by around \$3,800 indicating it may be worthwhile financially to mail the newsletter to everyone in the fall as well as the spring.
- Over \$1,000 was earned from book sales
- The appropriation from the town for the GHS building last year was \$7,500. The cost to refinish the floor last spring was \$1,500, and the remainder will be used for painting the exterior of the building.

Building: Several issues regarding the building were discussed during the meeting and are compiled below.

- Estimates for painting the building next spring need to be solicited. Nancy will follow-up on this.
- Nancy is waiting to hear if the building's water bill will be covered by the town or will continue to be paid from the GHS budget.
- The Christmas tree in the window of the building will remain in place through the month of January. BJ will work on a new exhibit for the window.
- Leslie will continue to monitor the temperature and humidity in the archives.

- BJ will let Rick Walsh know he should continue to shovel the GHS building walk when there is a minimum of 2-3" of snow and he should keep track of his time.

Newsletter: There was a short discussion about potential articles for the Spring newsletter noting that more articles would be needed given the absent of a winter program. Leslie volunteered to write an article about the archives and Jenny will be looking into writing an article from/about Lyle's newsletters.

Hazen Road Dispatch: Gail was not present; however, Jenny related there are several articles in process.

Archives: Willie and Leslie are continuing to clip pertinent articles from the Hardwick Gazette. Kyle is setting up g-mail accounts so GHS documents can be shared.

Membership and donations: A discussion precipitated by a needed clarification in the membership letter evolved into a conversation about membership in 501C3 organizations and whether considering all donors (except those making memorial donations) members. It was agreed to change the language in the membership letter to "please join us" instead of mentioning membership.

Bylaws: The discussion continued which was started in the December Board meeting about the revised bylaws . It was agreed to remove the sentence about board members attendance. In addition, it was agreed that further information and discussion regarding GHS membership and the need/requirement for the organization to have members and their potential role(s) so that Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws could be agreed to and finalized. Nancy volunteered to follow-up with Eileen Cochran of the VT Historical Society to get a better understanding of what they and other historical societies in VT do.

Website: Kyle reported on his recent project involving scanning the scrapbooks of all the GHS summer exhibits, compiled by Willie. He is in the process of developing PDF web pages for all GHS exhibits.

Summer Exhibit: A follow-up to last year's self-guided history walks in Greensboro and Greensboro Bend villages is planned. Willie, BJ and Nancy will meet this winter to discuss this. Alison volunteered to join them.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00am.