

Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Members in attendance:

Anne Harbison, Cathie Wilkinson, Clive Gray, Lise Armstrong, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Kyle Gray, BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Barbara Brooke

History Moment:

Nancy Hill read aloud a particularly timely passage from Lewis Hill's book **Fetchd Up Yankee** which described Vermonters' views of politics in the 1930's. (It should be noted that the day of this meeting was Election Day.)

Committee Reports:

Nancy reported that the grant request for the Old China Hands exhibit for summer of 2017 has been submitted to the Freeman Association.

Cleaning of the 2016 exhibit is almost complete. Kyle photographed the exhibit. Willie will assemble an album.

The meeting minutes (October 11) were accepted.

Clive Gray presented the Treasurer's report and projected budget for 2017, to be finalized for the January, 2017 meeting. He will add a note to the GHS Budget & Ops 2016 & 2017 for the Freeman Foundation's budget of \$4,617 indicating it is for the China Hands exhibit. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Nancy reported on a Victrola phonograph complete with a collection of 78 rpm records that was given to the GHS. This was mentioned to her by Jan Travers. Neither was sure of who exactly had donated the machine. It is a standing console model about four feet in height. The owner of the Antique Emporium in Lyndonville has expressed interest in purchasing the machine.

Kyle has looked up values on Ebay and depending on condition these machines are valued between \$350 - \$1000. The records range in subject from hymns to, possibly, Enrico Caruso.

A motion was passed to let Nancy and Kyle investigate the fair market value of the machine and its eventual sale possibly to the gentleman in Lyndonville. They will also value the records, which may be sold separately.

Nancy is a trustee of the Vermont Historical Society and they are addressing the problem of programming and are asking the question of how they can best help us. Please give any suggestions to her.

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We have received a request for a donation from Archaeologist Jill Baker and Pat Haslam to help with the publication of a book they are writing: "*The Greensboro Blockhouse Project. An Historical and Archaeological Investigation in Greensboro, Vermont*". based on the project findings of the 5 year Blockhouse project. The request contained very little detail on how the funding will be applied. Nancy will request more budget detail.

Jenny brought in a sample of the fall newsletter complete with color photos and a lower cost for printing. Total expense for 350 newsletters will be \$178, which is about half the cost from last year. Once she submits the edited copy to the printer, turn around time is estimated to be one week, and this includes folding with a closure tab.

Cathy has no current research requests. She did receive a request regarding local country stores. She will provide a short write up on the type of questions GHS receives and the research help we can provide for the Spring newsletter.

Nancy gave an update on the GHS building. A representative from the Preservation Trust visited the site, as they do annually, and had no comment. The dehumidifier worked well all summer and the electric bill was not appreciably higher.

Gail Sangree, currently residing in Connecticut, reported to Nancy that she already has several articles submitted for the 2017 Hazen Road Dispatch.

Recent acquisitions include the Mary Conant shawl, donated by Fred B. Wright.

Kyle will be adding dates to the GHS web site for upcoming events, including the Car Talk meeting as the March event. Any photos of old cars can be posted to our Facebook page. He will meet with Willie.

Since it appears that Lily may no longer be residing in Greensboro, Kyle will post weekly to the web site.

There was a discussion of old cars in Greensboro which include Ruth Dale's car Henry, the car in MacIntyre's barn, and Sally Lonegren's Woodie. Members were asked to think of old cars you have known for the Car Talk meeting.

Kyle also said that after this week he will be working on posting articles for the Genealogy project. Gina is taking a break until next fall. Since Gina is on break, we will need a new volunteer coordinator for museum docents for June through Labor Day. Nancy will approach Marion Babbie and Anne volunteered to help.

The Marvelseal Group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 10am to finish wrapping the 12 remaining shelves in the archives.

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Anne Harbison introduced a discussion regarding updating the Christmas decorations for the GHS building which last year consisted only of a lighted artificial wreath hung inside the building in the front window. Lise Armstrong offered to lend a pre-lit tree to the group for the season. Ann suggested a fresh wreath for the outside door. Nancy, Anne and Martha will consult on this after the Thanksgiving holiday.

There was a discussion of the recent local historical societies' group meeting hosted by the Orleans Historical Society in Brownington. It was well attended to the point of being uncomfortably crowded and ran too long, according to some attendees. Discussions included technology, accessing information and confidentiality. All agreed that the food was excellent. Nancy said that GHS has volunteered to host this meeting next year.

The December GHS holiday potluck will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 5:30, at Nancy and Clive's home. All are invited.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th at the GHS, at 12:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Barbara Brooke