

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, February 14 AT 10:00 AM
At GHS and on Zoom**

GHS Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023
9:30 AM
At GHS and on Zoom

Attending: BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Lise Armstrong (by Zoom from New Zealand), Paula Harmon, Kyle Gray, Clive Gray, Renée Circosta, Amelia Circosta, Willie Smith, Nicole Mann, Erika Karp, Mimi Benedict, Skip Hoblin and Jenny Stoner.

President BJ Gray called the meeting to order at 10:05

History Moment – BJ explained that the new large glass exhibit case in the front exhibit room is on permanent loan from Willey’s Store. It was used at Willey’s for many years. We will get a comprehensive history of it to display on the case. There was discussion of how best to utilize it this summer, especially since it is now located in the same room as the current conservation exhibit. One idea was to display the Civil War items that were displayed at Highland Center for the Arts (HCA).

President’s Report – BJ welcomed Mimi and Skip to the meeting. She gave a big “thank you” to Renee, Amelia, Nancy and the committee who put together and mounted the fine display of Civil War memorabilia for HCA during the play “Little Women” in December, and thanks to Nancy and Clive for hosting our Christmas party. Thanks also to those who assembled the window displays for winter and Christmas. She announced the upcoming historic movie night in East Craftsbury on January 22 at 7 PM at East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church when film showing scenes from Miss Jean Simpson’s Shakespeare plays will be shown. The productions took place both in Craftsbury and Greensboro every summer for many years.

Based on discussions with Lakeview, BJ would like to create a junior/student membership card for the GHS. Amelia has agreed to create a suitable card. BJ would also like to create a decorative GHS flag (for the window and other uses). Amelia has agreed to take on this project as well.

The group discussed the status of the Life Stories project and brainstormed some possible people to interview. Renée agreed to create a file to track the list of existing, potential, and completed interviews, as well as other information related to this joint project with the Greensboro Free Library. Erika agreed to contact Lakeview about the possibility of having students conduct some of the interviews. Anyone else with ideas or time to contribute to the project was encouraged to do so.

Secretary’s Report – The minutes of the November meeting were deferred for approval until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Lise's written report was approved as submitted.

Plans for March – The March program will focus on a mix of winter sports: ice fishing, snowmobiling and sledding. Renee is leading the planning. The committee is meeting on January 19. More details next month.

Newsletter — The fall newsletter was mailed out just after Thanksgiving by our printer Accura. It saved a lot of time for the members to pass on to the printer the job of mailing, and it saved money to be able to use bulk mailing postal rate.

Committee reports

Building & Maintenance – We have not contracted for snow shoveling, so it will need to be done by volunteers. The new plastic window inserts are helping to keep our building warmer. Leslie has submitted a grant application for UV window shades to preserve items in our museum exhibit hall.

Acquisitions/Archives – Bill Eisner donated a small wooden display case from the 1950s.

Summer Exhibit – Ideas for additions to the land conservation exhibit for next summer were discussed. Among the suggestions were to add videos of interviews about climate change and photos that show such change. Kyle has recently worked on a video with the Nature Conservancy that might be used. Nicole suggested that terrariums could be created of plants found in various conserved land parcels. More about animals found on the parcels would be interesting.

Membership – Nancy suggested that members invite newcomers to join our monthly meetings. Mimi and Skip have come today because they were invited, and Alden Launer had planned to come but was not feeling well.

Greensboro Bend Revitalization: Railroad book and updated signs. Renee described the ongoing work of the committee updating the booklet about the old Greensboro Bend railroad-and the goal of having the book completed by this summer. She is currently managing the project and conducting much of the research, but if anyone is interested in trains and can help research, write, or edit, to please let her know. Renee also noted that many of the history explorer walk signs are in extremely poor condition and will not likely make it another season. We discussed trying to find a grant for more permanent and professional signage. Nancy is going to check with the Bend revitalization team, and we will consider writing our own grant as well. It was suggested that because our history walks in the village and the Bend have evolved into a significant community effort and attraction, the walks might comprise a good project for GHS to submit for a VHS award.

Website/Facebook – Kyle reported the new printer/scanner, software (Microsoft Office), and backup hardware has arrived and can print and scan larger items. This purchase is made from the \$2500 for technology we voted in November.

Other Business

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stoner, secretary

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