NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, May 9 AT 10:00 AM At GHS and on Zoom

GHS Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023
10:00 AM
At GHS and on Zoom

Attending – BJ Gray, Lise Armstrong, Paula Harmon, Kyle Gray, Renée Circosta, Amelia Circosta, Alison Gardner, Willie Smith, Nicole Mann, Fred Mann, Debbie Kasper, Erika Karp, Nancy Hill, Clive Gray, Skip Hoblin, Gail Sangree (by Zoom) and Jenny Stoner.

President BJ Gray called the meeting to order at 10:00.

History Moment – Paula told of a visitor last summer to the exhibit who started by saying he was against land trusts, and, after viewing the exhibit, he totally changed his mind. She had not tried to convince him but had only suggested he look at the exhibit.

President's Report – Thanks to all who put together the excellent March program and to Renée Circosta for the fine entry for Greensboro into Vermont Historical Society's "History in the 252" online exhibit, which can be viewed here: <u>History in the 252 — Vermont Historical Society (vermonthistory.org)</u>.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Lise presented a written report which was approved as submitted. It was noted that donations for the first quarter are up from last year.

March Program – The presentations by Sandy Gebbie and Willie Smith were excellent and the whole program was enjoyed by the 50 attendees. Kyle has gotten permission to use the film of skiing that had been on TV so it will shortly be on our website.

August Program – There was discussion of having a joint program with the Greensboro Land Trust, but we decided to have our own on the geology of the Greensboro area. Renée, Alison and Nicole will find a speaker and plan the program. Since Summer Music in Greensboro has programs three Mondays in August, we will see about having our program on Monday, July 24 instead.

Newsletter – Jenny reviewed the list articles proposed and got volunteers to provide them. List attached. The summer schedule was decided:

Opening reception – Sunday July 2, 3-5 PM
Annual Meeting and program – Monday, July 24 at 7:00 PM
Book Sale – Saturday, July 29, 10-2 PM (check time!!)
Ice Cream Social Saturday, July 29, 2-4 PM
Museum Hours – being decided

Committees

Building & Maintenance – We are getting an estimate for shades in the exhibit room. Lise will check on the number of gallons of oil used this year vs. last year to get a sense of whether the window inserts may have helped with heating costs.

Acquisitions/Archives – no new acquisitions

Summer Exhibit – The joint committee (Land Trust/GHS) is working on updating the exhibit. Alison is going to work on updating the docent manual for this summer, and some folks from the Land Trust have agreed to be docents. The committee updating the exhibit will need to decide if they will need the space in the new display case from Willey's; the back-up plan is to put some of the Civil War items from the HCA exhibit in there instead.

Membership – Amelia designed a card for junior membership, which was circulated for comment. Very nice!

Greensboro Bend Revitalization: Railroad book and updated signs – The update to the railroad booklet is in progress. We came to a preliminary decision to hold off on putting up the history explorer walks for this year due to the deterioration of the signs.

Website – The new computer and printer are much appreciated. Kyle continues to update our website.

Hazen Road Dispatch – Gail gave a report on a number of the articles, with several from new authors, in the upcoming edition. She is already getting it ready for the printers.

Other Business

Banner or Flag for GHS – Amelia passed around her revised design for a banner which was received enthusiastically.

BJ said she would contact Hazen and Craftsbury Academy about high school visits in the fall. It was thought that contacting the schools early would make it more likely that the students could come and possibly work the information from our exhibits into their lessons.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stoner, secretary

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