

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting of May 10, 2016 at the Greensboro Historical Society

Attending: Jennie Stoner, Nancy Hill, Clive Gray, Gina Jenkins, Marion Babbie, Anne Harbison, Janet Long, Barbara Brooke, Willie Smith, Cathie Wilkinson, Clay Simpson

Willie Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

History Moment: Willie Smith shared additional information on Uncle Hiram's Lodge that she has collected since the publication of The History of Greensboro. Hiram and Nettie Moffat came from Bolton Centre, Quebec, and about 1923 built a hotel on the lake, that is now the Landon cottage. It had 7 bedrooms and 3 baths arranged around a large central sitting area. Willie has talked with the oldest great-grand daughter who said that for some years, the Lodge housed workers from the Woodbury granite quarry. There was a piano in the lodge for entertainment, which still may be there today. The Lodge closed in 1933 which is when (we assume) the Landons purchased it. Their son, Clyde Moffat had a sawmill in East Hardwick. Their daughter Hazel Moffat was the second wife of Al DeBrune, making her Janet Long's step-grandmother.

President's Report: Nothing further to report.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meeting of April 10 were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Clive Gray explained that the majority of the expense for exhibit and archival materials is due to reimbursing June Bascom for transcriptions of three interviews that will inform the Old China Hands program in August. A vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the work room.

Jennie Stoner has done a financial review of the accounts for the past two years, and reported that they are in fine order. Clay Simpson reminded Clive that the grant from the Greensboro Association for publishing the anniversary edition of the Hazen Road Dispatch, stipulated that half of the profits should be returned to the Greensboro Association. To date there have been no profits.

Building Update: Nancy Hill reviewed what has been done about the mold issue in the work room. Richard Kerschner was hired as a consultant and paid \$700 (\$1,177 less than his standard fee). Two temperature and humidity monitors were installed and Gina Jenkins is uploading the data to a website that Richard Kerschner is watching. With a year's data, he will have further recommendations. Some of the shelving in the work room was of pressed wood but should be metal. Nancy has purchased a roll of MarvelSeal to cover the shelves – less expensive than buying all new shelving. She will call a work-day to finish this project. Tom Anastasio has installed the dehumidifier in the work room so that it drains to the outside of the building. In addition, new fire extinguishers have been installed by Glen Brooke, and Cold Hollow Electric has installed fire and low temperature alarms. The alarms were paid for by the Town of Greensboro but GHS will need to pay for annual inspections. About 20 members of the Greensboro Fire Department toured the building in April so that they would be aware of the set-up should there be an emergency situation. Nancy will also schedule a work day to spruce up the Hill Exhibit before it is open for the summer.

Grants: It is time to apply for grants from the Greensboro Association, the Pleasant's Fund, and the Northeast Kingdom chapter of the Community Fund. A suggestion was made to ask for funding to cover some of the expense of the mold abatement project. Another possible grant request would be funds to continue the genealogy project on the website.

Newsletter: Jennie Stoner reported that she has completed a draft, but is still waiting for an article from Clay Simpson. She will be away for a couple of weeks, and will finish the newsletter when she returns at the end of May.

Calendar: Willie Smith circulated copies of the summer calendar. An addition to the calendar is Rick Yeiser's talk of the feeder streams of Caspian Lake, scheduled for July 12 at 10 am.

Technical Support: Kyle Gray will be installing a new computer in the work room.

Facebook: Lily McAteer has asked everyone who uses Facebook to invite their friends to like our page.

Tunbridge: The exhibit is ready to take to Tunbridge for the Vermont History Expo in June. Gina Jenkins, BJ Gray and Cathie Wilkinson will take it to Expo on Friday June 17 and set it up. On Saturday June 18, Martha Neimi and BJ Gray will docent from 10 – 1 and Gina Jenkins and Tom Anastasio will docent from 1 – 4. On Sunday, June 19, Janet Long and Marion Babbie will be the docents from 10 – 12, Clay and Kitty Simpson will cover from 12 – 1, and Nancy Hill and Clive Gray will docent from 1 – 5 pm. Willie and David Smith will help Nancy and Clive take down the exhibit and bring it back to GHS at 5 pm that afternoon.

Summer Exhibit: Bonnie Cleveland will clean the building before opening day. The exhibit will open on Saturday, June 25 with a reception at the GHS building from 4 – 5:30. Nancy Hill will invite the water commissioners from Greensboro Village and Greensboro Bend. Gina Jenkins is recruiting docents to host the exhibits during summer hours.

Garden: Laura Hill will be hired to take care of the GHS gardens, including the Ann Slack memorial garden endowed by Stephanie Herrick.

Annual Meeting: Clay Simpson reported that plans for a panel discussion by descendants of the 'Old China Hands' are shaping up. He is still looking for a moderator.

The last business meeting before the summer will be Tuesday, June 14, 12:00 pm at the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gina Jenkins, Secretary