

Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

Members in attendance:

Clive Gray, Lise Armstrong, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Nancy Hill, Marion Babbie, Wendy Parrish, Kyle Gray, Martha Niemi, Barbara Brooke

Nancy called the meeting to order.

Wendy gave the group an overview of her recent cruise to Bali.

Marion shared memories of her childhood growing up in Worcester and Stowe, Vermont.

Announcements:

Nancy thanked Kyle for downloading the video of the Car Talk meeting on the web.

She also thanked Lise for donating her pre-lit Christmas tree to the GHS.

Regarding the Old China Hands exhibit, kids from ages 6-12 will be able to take part in a paper folding workshop which will be co-sponsored by the Library. The workshop will take place on June 27th from 10-11am at the Greensboro Free Library. Information about this workshop came from Scott Bascom.

The Historical Society will host their annual open house on Sunday, July 2nd.

Wiz Dow and Charlie Morrissey of Hardwick will have an article about the steamboat "Orleans Belle" that was active on Caspian around 1860. She sent clippings relating to the boat to the GHS for our files.

Nancy informed that group of a memorial service followed by a potluck for Anne Pinkney to be held on May 20th, at 11am. The announcement came from Bonnie Cleveland.

Nancy asked the group to consider a future exhibit for the Vermont Historical Museum Gallery. She also announced an upcoming event on Friday, May 12th at the museum: a Roaring 20's party featuring dancing, appetizers, live music in a speak-easy setting.

Beth Gilpin of White Road whose parents Jean and Bob are in the Greensboro nursing home, is looking for friends to visit and talk with Bob.

Jenny informed the group that Kathy Wilkenson was currently in hospice care.

It was noted that the group is in need of a liaison for research, specifically a contact person for genealogical inquiries.

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Business:

In the absence of Barbara in April, Erica took the minutes for the Secretary's report, which was accepted.

Clive passed out the Treasurer's report. Leslie is doing archiving for GHS; Kyle got her an external h-drive. The report was accepted.

Martha, who writes all the thank you notes from the society to donors, requested more thank you notecards.

Nancy reported on a recent insurance audit of the GHS building. We are missing a mount for one fire extinguisher which she will purchase.

The newsletter is nearing completion. Willie will write the President's report. Nancy will write a summary of the Car Talk meeting.

It was suggested that an historical photo or a mystery photo be included in the newsletter.

Important Dates:

June 27th, Paper Folding at the Library

July 1, the parade

July 2, GHS open house/reception, 3-5PM

Sat, Aug. 5, 2-4pm, ice cream social

Aug 7th, Annual meeting, 4-5pm, China Hands families, 7:30pm, Part 2, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 2 - 10-12, Book Sale

These dates will be on the Greensboro Association calendar which will precede the town calendar.

This September the local historical societies will convene in Greensboro, probably at Fellowship Hall. Nancy will check with the Old Stone House after plans are made.

Wendy suggested that the GHS could advertise and include topics of interest in the Hazen Dispatch.

Kyle informed the group that in a post on the 5th of May, the VT Genealogy Library listed the GHS as having 200 years of Greensboro history available.

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Martha and Marion will be in charge of the docents and scheduling for the summer exhibit. Gina suggested changing the hours from 10-12am & 1-3pm to 10:30am - 2:30pm on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday and 10am - 12 noon on Saturday.

Times and docent assignments will be finalized in the future.

Nancy suggested that we need a nominating committee to fill 2 places on the board to cover members leaving. Slots will need to be filled by the annual meeting.

There is a June 1 deadline to apply for a NEK grant. Nancy and Kyle will apply for \$1000 to cover the cost of Kyle putting audio/videos on the web site.

GHS did receive \$5000 from the Freeman Foundation for the Old China Hands exhibit.

Erica suggested a history exhibit at the Recreation Association Block Party as an outreach to the Bend.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 12:30 at the Library. Bring a bag lunch.