

Greensboro Historical Society Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 6, 2018, 7:30PM, Fellowship Hall

The annual Greensboro Historical society meeting was held in conjunction with a program about the indigenous people of New England, presented by Bobby Farlice-Rubio.

Nancy called the meeting to order.

She gave a brief overview of the Historical Society and welcomed the audience to attend one of our monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Greensboro Free Library.

She spoke about the successful ice cream social and about the current exhibit at the museum which celebrates the decade of the 1980's through photographs generously donated to GHS by the Hardwick Gazette. She also touched on the recent boiler failure at the museum, its subsequent clean up and replacement and offered thanks to all of the people who helped with this project.

Clive gave the Treasurer's report. He said that we had received about \$9,000.00 in dues and donations from the community. The boiler failure and replacement project caused him to liquidate some investments to cover the \$16,500.00 furnace replacement and cleanup costs. He reported that finances are now about \$15,000.00 below where we were in April, but we have around \$56,000.00 in liquid assets. The ice cream social brought in about \$260.00 in donations. Thanks to Willey's store for their support of this event.

Martha gave the nominating committee report. The slate of 2018-2019 officers is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Nancy Hill and Willie Smith

Secretary: Barbara Brooke

Treasurer: Lise Armstrong

Trustees:

Class of 2019: BJ Gray, Erika Karp

Class of 2020: Lise Armstrong, Barbara Brooke

Class of 2021: Janet Long, Paula Harmon

Jenny Stoner moved that one vote be cast for the ballot. It was so moved; the slate was elected.

Jenny Stoner introduced the evening's speaker: Bobby Farlice-Rubio. Mr. Rubio has worked at the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury since 2003 where he teaches classes in astronomy, natural sciences, history and culture. This evening's talk was focused on indigenous peoples of New England and promised a new way to look at the earliest residents and history.

The lecture began with a recording of an Abenaki welcome song and an account of the legend of how the land of Vermont came to be formed.

To say that Mr. Farlice-Rubio was a riveting speaker would not be an exaggeration; he kept his audience engaged and at times on the edge of their seats during his talk in spite of the stifling heat and humidity of the day.

It was particularly interesting to learn about the timeline of European exploration to the new world; that two native Americans could speak English at the “first” Thanksgiving and that Samuel DeChamplain had read Jacques Cartier’s journals as a boy.

Mr. Farlice-Rubio brought a table full of artifacts with him as well as photos and books that he found to be particularly relevant to the discussion.

The evening concluded with light refreshments and audience members examining the artifacts and talking to Mr. Farlice-Rubio.

Kyle Gray filmed the presentation and will post a copy of the lecture on the GHS website.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 12:30pm at the Greensboro Free Library