

## **Greensboro Historical Society Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 12:30PM, Greensboro Free Libra**

In attendance: Willie Smith, Nancy Hill, Jenny Stoner, Paula Harmon, Janet Long, Martha Niemi, Wendy Parrish, Ann Park and her daughter Mary, Clive Gray, Erika Karp, BJ Gray, Kyle Gray, Lise Armstrong, Barbara Brooke

Willie called the meeting to order.

History Moment: Jenny Stoner recounted some fascinating Spahr family history moments beginning with memories in 1911 at the Lakeview boarding house. A discussion ensued. It was suggested that the Hazen Road Dispatch might be an excellent place to submit and share some of her family history.

**President's Report:** The NEK historical society meeting will be held at the Old Stone House on September 27. There will be a presentation on aspects of genealogy with Sandra McKenny. BYO lunch.

**Secretary's Report:** There was a discussion on the positive reviews received on Mr. Ferlice-Rubio's presentation at the Annual Meeting.

It was suggested that we investigate the Vermont Humanities catalogue of speakers. Wendy spoke about a program she attended with Steve Perkins of the VHS as speaker. Perhaps he would be a possibility in March. Nancy will contact him to inquire.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clive spoke about the deficit we have from the heater replacement; total assets are down about \$21,000. However, GHS will receive \$1500 from annual appropriation from the town, the Greensboro association will be giving GHS \$500. Also, a rennai heater was installed Friday in the archive space.

**Newsletter:** Jenny reported that she is planning on sending the newsletter out in late November. She will need articles submitted to her by November 2.

Articles could include:

- An overview of the summer program
- A summary of the annual meeting, using excerpts from the summer meeting minutes
- A paragraph about the furnace, perhaps including a photograph
- Our winter program
- Research highlights; Kyle will provide an update on genealogy

**GHS Summer Exhibit:** Martha reported that about 367 people attended the summer exhibit. She said that people wanted to share their memories prompted by the photos.

There was some discussion about possible exhibits for next summer. Perhaps an exhibit of Babette Eisner's paintings. Or an exhibit of dead artist's works.

**Hazen Road Dispatch:** There is a new HRD - the 40 year's issue. It sells for \$24.99.

**Acquisitions:** Or in this case, a de-accessioning process. Willie spoke about receiving an artifact from Gloria Brunette, a niece of a Mr. Craig Smith, former owner of Smith's store. It was a small Japanese flag, a good luck flag, a gift given to all Japanese servicemen deployed during WWII. It was customary for family and friends of the soldier to sign the flag. The piece given to Willie was in exceptionally good condition. There is currently a society that is in the business of returning these war relics to their families. She felt, as did the group, that it would be most appropriate to have this artifact returned to the surviving family in Japan. She will also follow up with her daughter-in-law regarding the flag, since she recognized the name on the flag as being her family name.

Willie told the group about a request received regarding research on an illegitimate baby born in the 1800's. There are almost no resources available to accomplish this.

Thank you to Jean Joslin for her hard work on the book sale, organizing the books.

It was suggested that we consider combining the date of the annual ice cream social with the book sale. The first Saturday in August?

Janet wants some new ideas for the ice cream social. Face painting? Hair braiding? Paula? BJ?

Kyle spoke about our web presence: WE NEED CONTENT.

For example: Historical memorialized dates, like October 12th, Columbus Day weekend.

Local history - road names, where did they come from?

Willie thanked the docents for their support this summer.

Peggy Lipscom donated an easy chair to the GHS; BJ a rocking chair. It was noted that Marion Babbie had talked about wanting the easy chair for the winter. It was decided that she would have chair for the winter months.

Note: Martha followed up with me regarding the easy chair; Marion conceded that she had enough chairs in her living space and would just enjoy the new chair on the GHS premises.

Nancy reminded the group of the upcoming October 6th annual meeting of the VHS on the October 27th and the October 27th meeting in Woodstock of the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums.

She also thanked BJ for the excellent general store window treatment at the GHS for the summer exhibit.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 12:30pm at the Greensboro Free Library**