

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 Greensboro Free Library
(Red print indicates tasks to be undertaken!)

Present: Lise Armstrong, Lynette Courtney, BJ Gray, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Paula Harmon, Nancy Hill, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner

History Moment: Hal Gray told of his family's arrival in Greensboro and read from his grandmother's autobiography about her involvement with the first Greensboro Hospital in 1935. When Dr. Foster's office (current Janet Long building) became too crowded and they were given the "new" hospital (current library building), she procured beds and equipment from the New Haven, CT hospital. They were transported to town by Will Marckres in his truck piled so high that he had to unload it to get under two railway underpasses enroute to Greensboro!

President's Report: Willie sends greetings from Japan. Thanks to all for helping to make the winter meeting with Steve Perkins a success. Many thanks to all the people who work behind the scenes for the society, especially professionals like Kyle Gray with the website, Leslie Rowell and Willie in the archives, and BJ Gray for our wonderful window dressings.

Secretary's Report: Report of the February 12 meeting was accepted as written. Updates: Joan Alexander has sent us application forms for a state sign to mark the Hinman Road in town. The society needs to set amounts for copying and research time. Lisa has checked at Vermont.gov site and the state charges 25 cents per page for copying.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa presented the current report and it was accepted after a correction in the "income" bracket. \$5000 was removed since that amount is being transferred from the Vanguard investment account and is not income. (The current amount in the checking amount is very low and more money was needed there to pay bills.) Lisa is concerned that we may need to ask Leslie to work less unless our finances improve. We will be receiving money from the town which was approved at Town Meeting, but that will not happen until after the summer.

Summer Exhibit—Nancy has had recent contact with the Sisters from the Green Mountain Monastery. They are planning their exhibit and she handed around Sister Amie's book of photographs and a picture of silk-screened panels they may use for the entryway, as well as artwork relating to their mission. It was suggested that maps of their walking trails might be made available, as well. They will install the exhibit after a June 1 celebration at the Monastery. BJ volunteered to help with the installation.

Summer Volunteers—Martha has asked for volunteers to be docents in the exhibit in July and August. The following will help:

Tuesday 10:30 - 12:30 Marion Babbie
12:30 - 2:30 Lisa Armstrong

Wednesday 10:30 - 12:30 BJ Gray
12:30 - 2:30 Lynette Courtney
Thursday 10:30 - 12:30 - Martha Niemi
12:30 - 2:30 - Paula Harmon
Saturday 10:00 - noon – Nancy Hill and Clive Gray

Newsletter—Articles are due to Jenny by May 1. She listed the articles that will be needed and requested writers. In addition to those already set, Kyle will attempt to get information from Bobby Farlice-Rubio about the title for his talk for the annual meeting. Nancy will ask the Sisters at the Monastery for an exhibit “paragraph”; ask Leslie and Willie if there are interesting artifacts to feature; and talk with Barbara about an overview of the winter meeting. Janet will supply the “In Memoriam” data.

HRD: Gail has reported that she has more than enough articles for the 2019 issue. She may print fewer than usual this year. Erika volunteered to again distribute copies locally. She and Janet will confer about how to best track sales.

WEBSITE: Kyle reported that the Steve Perkins lecture and the Bobby Farlice-Rubio presentation are now on the GHS website. He is working with Willie on a grant proposal, for the NEK Community Foundation, to tell the history of the area/ landscape over the years (farming to current businesses). Currently he is scanning old photos of the Simpson Farm that became Highland Lodge, and plans to move on to the Jasper Hill Cheese and Hill Farmstead Beer businesses.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: (Lisa will place events on Greensboro website (The “Green Sheet”))

Exhibit Opening Reception: Sunday, June 30, 3 - 5 pm at GHS Building
Ice Cream Social and Book Sale: Saturday, August 10
Book Sale 10 - 4 at Lyles Garage
Ice Cream Social 2 - 4 on GHS lawn
Annual Meeting: Monday, August 5, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall
Bobby Farlice-Rubio “Lifestyles of Early Vermonters” (title not yet known)

Other:

Nancy has written a history of the Greensboro Nursing Home and asked if GHS would be willing to make an application to the Pleasants Fund for funding of the publication after the costs of production and printing are known. It was suggested that perhaps any profits from the book might be given to the nursing home. No decision was made.

The possibility of setting up an Endowment Fund was discussed, and more study is needed. Until GHS has done that, it was suggested that people be urged to remember GHS in their estate plans.

BJ has asked Rick Walsh, who has kept the GHS sidewalks clear of snow all winter, to build a structure to keep the exhaust from the Renai heater from being buried in snow. He needs instructions.

Notes by BJ Gray/Nancy Hill
14, 2019

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May