

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 10, 2019 Greensboro Free Library

Present: Lise Armstrong, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Marion Babee, Janet Long, Paula Harmon, Nancy Hill, Jenny Stoner, Lynette Courtney, Martha Niemi, Erika Karp, Alison Gardner, Barbara Brooke

Prior to Nancy calling the meeting to order there were several announcements: Jenny will be honoring ash trees.

Leslie Rowell was unavailable to attend the meeting because she was attending VACDaRN - Vermont Arts & Culture Disaster and Resilience Network in Randolph. The purpose of the meeting was to help members of the arts and culture sector mitigate the impact of a disaster through emergency planning. On that note Nancy suggested that we should have the Greensboro Fire department in to see our archives and our fire system.

Nancy told the group that we have a sewage tank alarm. She does not know how to deactivate flashing buttons on the alarm panel. She suggested calling the number posted or Clive.

President's Report: Nancy called the meeting to order and spoke about the exciting summer GHS had this year. She thanked Jenny for the newsletter and Gail for the Hazen Road Dispatch. Janet thanked Nancy for her excellent history of the Greensboro Nursing Home. There were thanks to the exhibit volunteers, for all the members who brought food for the opening of the exhibit. She talked about the success of the Bailey-Hazen walk in spite of the rain and estimated that 40 to 50 people attended. The book sale was a success. And thanks were given to all who helped make our summer memorable.

Secretary's Report: Nancy was happy to have minutes describing the annual meeting. She estimated that there were about 60 people in attendance. The secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa has formatted the financial report in Excel. It was accepted.

History Moment: What goes on in the archives? Nancy wants to have a meeting/tour in our archives.

Acquisitions: Nancy brought in a box of postcards of Greensboro, the Bend and camps. They were from Alice Stern. She passed them around.

There was a recap of summer. A lot of people who visited the museum never knew about the monastery. Sister Gail's walk and talk was very good. The book sale and

ice cream social worked well together. The times were separate and the rain did not seem to dampen their success.

Alison spoke about establishing a library connection in conjunction with both the exhibit and Bobby Ferlice-Rubio's presentation. She asked the library to order books about the monastery. GHS will purchase three other books and work with the library to promote the monastery. She also asked about ordering a book about the history of the Abenaki's and the biography of Aunt Sarah.

Nancy thanked her for her initiative and said she would speak to Mary at the library about an ongoing collaboration with GHS.

Nancy said that she contributed a portion of the Pleasants Fund grant she received for her book on the Nursing Home, to GHS.

After Labor Day, Nancy, Willie, Kyle and Leslie are onboard to apply for a NEK Community Foundation grant for a project to look at area farms that are new again. Kyle is working on a pilot project. Sites of interest include the Highland Lodge, Kehlers, the Circus, Tod Hardy, Hillcrest Nursery.

Help will be needed at GHS to speak with visiting students about the history of Greensboro including the Hill exhibit and the monastery. The visit is expected to happen within the month. Lynette and Alison volunteered to help. Nancy will get the times.

There was a discussion about the upcoming year and possible exhibits. A General Store exhibit was mentioned. This exhibit was done in 2000.

Erika proposed an exhibit spotlighting current concerns: walkability in town, the lake. Clive mentioned conservation.

The Bend initiative was an idea.

The Museum of Everyday Things: Claire Dolan might be a speaker and have a past exhibit we could use.

Nancy asked the group to think about appeal.

Martha joined the group late in the meeting. Nancy thanked her for her support during the summer exhibit. Martha reported that about 150 visitors came to GHS over the summer.

Nancy mentioned that a copy of Lauren Sopher's research on the Bend was available at the library.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - Pizza?