Zoom GHS meeting 12:30 May 14, 2020

Present: Nancy Hill, Willie Smith, Lise Armstrong, Paula Harmon, Clive Gray, B.J. Gray, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Leslie Rowell, Kyle Gray, Allison Gardner, Gail Sangree, Barbara Brooke

History Moment:

Lise provided the history moment. She talked about genealogy and a letter from her father.

Barbara will offer a history trivia challenge for June.

President's Report: Willie introduced the topic of the state wide Covid blog and asked if we should start one for Greensboro. Kyle will link to this for our web site and he noted that this is a bullet style blog that allows people to add their own topics and sub-topics. Leslie showed a screen shot of from the VT State Historical society. Gail mentioned that the Hazen Road Dispatch had an article on the 1918 Influenza Pandemic.

Secretary's Report: Nicely done, Nancy and BJ. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report: Great job. Report accepted.

Willie told the group that we need to apply for the Greensboro Association grant again this year to support the work of Kyle and Leslie. Kyle is scanning the biography files. Leslie continues to work on the archives. GHS would like to print a collated Hazen Road Dispatch 40 year index, which is now available online, thanks to Kyle. This index can be searched for specific articles. Wendy Parrish will be working on a digital index for the HRD for summer of 2020.

Nancy noted that we need to publicize the fact that these indexes exist. And we need a hard copy of the index.

Jenny suggested an article in the newsletter might help to get the word out. We will ask Wendy. Nancy will work with Kyle.

Committee Reports

Building Update:

Top Notch Flooring refinished the front room floor at the Historical Society. The job was completed in three days and the actual cost was less than the estimate! Nancy said that it is noticeably brighter in the room and if you haven't yet, take a peek inside.

Newsletter:

Jenny is working on the newsletter. Gail will do an article on the HRD. Kyle is interviewing Marion Babbie. There will be an article on what's **not** happening in Greensboro. Willie will write up the floor refinishing. BJ suggested an article on her current studio building which was once an old blacksmith shop, and it's previous owners, of whom there were many. Kyle suggested recalling the beginning of the virus and the changes it has brought about our lives. Jenny asked about a possible book sale in the fall. We do not know yet.

Hazen Road Dispatch:

Gail Sangree spoke about the HRD and the file of individual documents she is sorting through. She talked about the David Hicock murder article in 1909. There are conflicting stories; 5 newspapers covered the case.

There was a discussion about how many copies of the HRD should be printed this year. 250 copies were printed last year. Lise suggested 150 for this year. Copies are sold at the Galaxy Book Store. Willey's store is the biggest seller of the publication.

Lise will coordinate with Gail. We will need a list of where to send books from orders, also what historical places receive copies now? Erika said she could help.

Gail will write an article for the newsletter.

Janet will provide an updated list of the recently deceased.

The newsletter should be ready by mid-June. Perhaps an outdoor stuffing party?

Kyle will update the calendar for the summer and include cancellations of our programs: Summer program, ice cream social and the exhibit are all cancelled this season.

Nancy suggested putting an ad in the newsletter for orders and we could send them out to interested readers.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 12:30, probably Zoom