

**GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

Present: Nancy Hill and Willie Smith, co-presidents; Jenny Stoner, Lise Armstrong, BJ Gray, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Paula Harmon, Leslie Rowell, Janet Long, Debbie Kasper, Mackenna Lapierre

It was Willie's turn to chair. With Secretary Barbara Brooke having retired, Clive was asked to take minutes. Nancy reported that she had given Barbara a snowman ornament in recognition of her lengthy service to the GHS. The October 13 minutes were accepted with no changes.

Historical moment.

Nancy spoke about Barr Hill. She showed the photo of the Barr adults from the *200 Year History* (see next page). In answer to a question she said these Barrs were not related to the Barr of Barr's Better Beverages in Hardwick. She said Larry Lumsden and granddaughter Emma had taken a metal detector to the Barr cellar hole and found several artifacts, including a snow shovel, a potato digger, and a large spoon, which she showed the members. It was decided to let the GHS Accession Committee make a decision about whether to accession them. If they do not, the artifacts will be returned to Larry.

Newsletter.

Members praised Jenny for an excellent newsletter. Willie thanked members who assembled and dispatched the mailing. Members said the printer should be asked in future to put the stickers closer together so donation envelopes don't fall out, and Jenny explained that she had asked, but they did not comply.

Treasurer's report.

Lise summarized the report she had previously emailed to attendees. Income thus far is \$15,181 against 2020 budget of \$16,800.00, expenses are \$17,610 (budget: \$20,242.00), net operating income \$-2,429 (budget: \$-3,442.00). Town Meeting appropriated \$5,000, but the Town Office has not yet distributed the appropriation.

Lise said if a GHS member sends a donation but has not yet paid \$20 dues, she advise Martha to subtract \$20 from the acknowledgement. Janet said she never charged the dues to Life Members. The issue arose with Cathy & Brad Irwin, who gave a grant of \$500. Most members felt they should get full credit for a \$500 donation with no membership taken out.

Lise said our Vt Community Loan Fund investment of \$5,000, paid by Sephanie Herrick to maintain the small garden named after her mother, comes due next September. The investment earns 3%, or \$150/year. Should we reinvest or put the money in Vanguard? A VCLF rep. told Lise 90% of investors renew their investment.

History Explorer Walk.

The exhibit was deemed a great success, involving a lot of work to set up notices at the target buildings. (The Irwins praised the activity in their donation letter.) Meeting agreed on forming new committee to repeat and expand the exhibit in 2021 with buildings on East Ave., towards the P.O., to be included. BJ will help Willie. Nancy will expand in the Bend.



Barr Family Reunion, c.1896. Barr Hill was named after this Scottish family. First row: William Barr, Andrew Barr, James Barr, Robert Barr, John Barr. Second row: Mary Barr, Martha McCosco, Leantha Barr, Julia Barr, Davis.

Clippings from *Hardwick Gazette & Barton Chronicle*.

Since the *Gazette* has become digital, it complicates the task of clipping Greensboro news articles. Someone will take on the task of copying articles via screen shots. Leslie agreed to go back to April to clip/copy articles covering Greensboro. Willie said she is continuing to clip the *Chronicle*, which is still printed in hard copy.

Memorial Garden Book.

We are now on Volume 10 with this book. A copy is maintained in the library. Janet Long has indexed it.

Plant & Equipment.

Nancy has put together a Maintenance Manual for the Society. Two new phone systems are being installed. Two new fire extinguishers have made the Society 'legal' again, after inspection by Impact Fire Services which services the town buildings.

Website.

Kyle will add an 'all resources' page.

Minutes.

Leslie said she has set up a Drop Box in which items such as minutes can be stored. Minutes will still be circulated to members.

By-laws. The draft circulated before the meeting was discussed, and any changes will be communicated by circulation of revised version before the next meeting.

Timing of meetings.

Members indicated preference for other than 12:30 on 2nd Tuesdays.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 @ 10 A.M.

Clive Gray, Scribe