

Greensboro Historical Society Minutes
February 9, 2021 (virtual meeting)

Attending: Lise Armstrong, Wiz Dow, BJ Gray, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Nancy Hill, Alison Gardner, Paula Harmon, Erika Karp, Debbie Kasper, McKenna LaPierre, Janet Long, Wendy Parrish, Leslie Rowell, Willie, Smith, Jenny Stoner, Mark Snyder

Absent: Martha Niemi

Submitted by: Alison Gardner, temporary secretary

History Moment

Wiz Dow provided information on the 1918 influenza pandemic in Greensboro. Through her review of newspaper articles and town records, she found information on outbreaks during the Spring and Summer and it appears N. Greensboro was hardest hit. Schools closed sporadically for short periods, young people died and meetings were suspended.

President's Report

Nancy Hill welcomed Mark Snyder. She also mentioned information about a request from the VT Historical Society; more information is provided under "Other Business".

Secretary's Report

Janet Long mentioned that Lyles does not have an apostrophe. This was to be corrected and the January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Lise related that the cash flow looks good, particularly for this time of year. Similar to December, more donations have been received in January compared to previous years; this may be attributed to mailing the fall newsletter to all G'boro property owners and including a donation envelope. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Bylaws

Alison presented the Bylaws Committee recommendation to address the issue of membership and the language to describe it. The Board approved the change as provided in the latest draft (shared prior to the meeting) and new Bylaws were accepted.

The Hazen Road Dispatch

Gail was not present however Jenny related that progress continues.

Consultant Report--Archives

Leslie reported that she is working on accessions including Pat Haslam's papers, etc. The Memorial Garden Project continues with McKenna's support.

Consultant Report—Website

Kyle related that he is continuing to add to the website exhibit, "Barns of Greensboro". For our next meeting he will have homework for us. The GHS Resource page continues to be updated, e.g. Stew Arnold will be adding information about Caspian Lake.

Building

The request to bid on the painting of the GHS building has been written and advertised in the News and Citizen and Chronicle newspapers as well as on Front Porch Forum.

Outdoor Village Historical Walks

For this year extending the Greensboro village walk closer to the Post office is planned. Upgrading the signs, incorporating ways to engage children and to track participants may be needed.

Membership Initiative

A committee was formed to review the issue of membership, increasing participation and donations and to make recommendations to the Board. Alison, Jenny and Wendy agreed to join and Lise will provide information she has.

Other Business/Miscellaneous

- Wiz related that the Hardwick Historical Society is finished labelling the last 40 years of pictures from the Hardwick Gazette and will be giving the boxes of Greensboro pictures to the GHS.
- Nancy related that Eileen Cochran of the VHS is doing an exhibit/profile of VT historical societies and issued an invitation to the GHS. It would involve the GHS providing some pictures and a brief history of the GHS. Nancy, Jenny, Leslie and Willie offered to help with this.
- Currently Willie and Leslie are "clipping" pertinent G'boro articles from the Chronicle and Hardwick Gazette. This is an ongoing and time-consuming task and the Collection Committee should discuss the way forward at some point.
- Leslie and Willie are working on updating a policy/procedure manual to the GHS collection. A committee (Nancy, Leslie, Willie and Wendy) was formed to review the revised manual.
- Leslie reported on the proposal she wrote and submitted to the Greensboro Association last June. The application was not considered due to a GA error. Alison suggested a letter be drafted to the GA relating the situation and asking for additional funds or consideration of two projects for the current year.