

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, January 10 AT 10:00 AM
At Library and on Zoom
Party – December 12 at 5:30 PM

GHS Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022
9:30 AM
At GHS and on Zoom

Attending: BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Lise Armstrong, Jenny Stoner, Paula Harmon, Kyle Gray, Clive Gray, Renée Circosta, Amelia Circosta, Willie Smith, Debbie Kasper, Alison Gardner, Jane Hoffman and Erika Karp

President BJ Gray called the meeting to order at 9:50 (group moved from library to GHS because library not open. Several attended on Zoom.)

President's Report – BJ requested more participants in book culling at Janet Long's garage on November 28 at 11:00. Nancy and BJ prepared the Hill exhibit for winter; the request to the town for \$5,000 was submitted.

Clive invited everyone to a pot luck Christmas party at Clive and Nancy's on Monday, December 12 at 5:30.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Lise's written report was approved as submitted. It was noted that we do not need SPARK membership in winter but that we can continue to print regular materials there on our own and pay a low day-fee if we need staff help to print large-format materials (such as for displays). Also, the budget committee is meeting to work on next year's budget.

Plans for March – The March program will focus on a mix of winter sports: ice fishing, snowmobiling and sledding. (Skiing is on hold because there is so much on that subject that it would dominate any other topics and could instead stand on its own at a future program.) A panel is planned with speakers on ice fishing and snowmobiling, plus a community-sourced collection of sledding stories and photos. The goal is to attract a wider audience and involve local enthusiasts who might not otherwise attend a historical society meeting. The working title for the program is "Snow on and Snow Forth: Winter Recreation in Greensboro." All present were encouraged to share any relevant stories, photos, or artifacts and to spread the word about the need for speakers and materials.

Newsletter – Most articles needed have been submitted. Jenny hopes to have it finished by next Friday, November 16, which will have it ready to mail out just after Thanksgiving. It was agreed to include donation envelopes. We will use the printer's bulk mailing permit and have them

process and mail all the newsletters. Kyle and Lise will clean up the mailing list before this next mailing.

Committee reports

Building & Maintenance – Several members built window inserts for weatherization in a program at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. The product was shown and they will be inserted shortly.

A wireless wi-fi adapter plug has been inserted and gives fine service in the front display room. (It enabled our Zoom today)

Kyle discovered that a faulty installation by Consolidated means we had not been receiving the full internet service. That is now fixed and we will look into having our bill adjusted to reflect the partial service.

Jordan Drown, the electrician who installed our Countryside alarm system has disabled the annoying alarm noise, and he will check and certify the entire system in January. The wastewater/septic system is separate and is serviced by the Michauds.

Acquisitions/Archives – Debbie passed around some photos donated by Janet Long showing bathers using the Greensboro beach. The photos appear to date from the 1950s (judging by the cars and clothing).

Hazen Road Dispatch – Alison reported on behalf of Gail. We have sold so many 2022 HRD that she is ordering 20 more and also some more of the 40th anniversary edition which has again been selling well. Articles for next year's HRD are already coming in, and more are in process. Using a connection that Alison previously established with a Hazen teacher, BJ will look into whether there are history students at Hazen who would be interested in writing articles for the HRD. This dovetails well with BJ's work to involve more students in GHS activities and membership.

Website/Facebook – Kyle reported that he and Leslie have chosen the new technology that is needed: a printer/scanner, software (Microsoft office), backup hardware and cloud storage fees, and a new desktop in the archives office. The estimated cost of all items is \$2,200. It was **moved, seconded and voted** to appropriate up to \$2,500 for the information technology needs.

Other Business

- Thanks to the Circostas and BJ for decorating the GHS window for Halloween and autumn.
- Nancy said she has just received a request from the Highland Center for the Arts for us to mount an exhibit on the Civil War to accompany their production of Little Women in December. There was great interest but we have many questions as to precisely what they want. It was moved, seconded and voted to explore the possibility and proceed with an exhibit if it is feasible. Debbie, Kyle, Renée, Amelia and Nancy all offered to help.

- It was noted that the East Craftsbury library has digitized a collection of locally-shot films from as early as the 1920s. They are showing different series, with the next series about the Girl Scouts. These films could be a potentially interesting source of local history.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stoner, secretary

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Christmas party – Pot luck dinner at Nancy Hill and Clive Gray's home on Monday, December 12 at 5:30 PM