Greensboro Historical Society Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Members in attendance:

Willie Smith, Clive Gray, Lise Armstrong, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Marion Babbie, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Hazel, Barbara Brooke

Nancy called the meeting to order. This was a business meeting combined with a festive pizza luncheon. The Historical Society main room was decorated to celebrate Valentine's Day and to honor two members for their devoted service and generous time given to this organization: Gina and Tom.

Nancy read a note from Kathy, who had just had a lung operation.

She also reported that Susan Goodby had given permission for the Historical Society to make copies of her portrait of the GHS building to use on our thank you notes.

Business:

Nancy read from a letter from Jill Baker, the archeologist working on the blockhouse project in Greensboro regarding what they are presently doing. They are working with Diego Publications to self-publish their book about the Greensboro Blockhouse which will cost them $5,000.00. They are not yet sure of the timing of the project or when the book will be published. Nancy proposed that we give them the amount of $1000.00 to be used toward the project. There was a motion and the group voted to give them the money.

Treasurers Report:

Clive reported that we sent $250.00 to the Vermont Historical Society to help their work in the State. There is the possibility that GHS might, in the future, be invited to mount an exhibit space at the VHS Museum in Montpelier. At the next board meeting the VHS will make a decision on whether or not to continue their biennial exhibition at Tunbridge which GHS has participated in for many years.

The treasurer’s report was accepted.

Secretary’s Report:

Corrections were noted on the secretary’s report, which was accepted.

At this time the business portion of the meeting concluded and eating commenced.

Tom, Gina and Hazel were the guests of honor at this luncheon. They were thanked for their many contributions to the society and were presented with keepsakes from the
group: An address book with contact information from all members present, a dog toy for a very well behaved Hazel and the most unique gift was presented AND obtained by B.J. - a container of sod from the Historical Building grounds. The moving of grass is an old Arabic custom according to B.J. and given that the timing of this gift was mid-February with significant snow, it was quite impressive.

Final note:

I did not have a chance to inform the group of an email I received after the distribution of the January meeting minutes due to the fact that several members left for other business so I will report it here.

On February 12th I received an email from Patricia Haslam regarding the query about “Indian Joe.”

It read as follows:

“Thank you for the minutes. Is it possible to add a post script regarding the last item about “Indian Joe,” and his possible house? I have been in touch with Janet Long and Loirraine Hussey who say he had a place on the south shore near the beach, which could have been where the Hussey’s now are, or very close by the Hussey cottage. Still hoping for his name and verified location.

Thanks, Pat Haslam”

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 12:00 at the GHS building. Bring a bag lunch.