

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at Roanoke College
February 20, 2018**

6 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: THE NEXT SIX MONTHS – ORGANIZING/REORGANIZING

6:35pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

7:10pm: YEAR-THREE GOALS

7:30pm: Departure

THE NEXT SIX MONTHS – ORGANIZING/REORGANIZING

1) APRIL 2018 CRUNCH

- a. April 14-15: Pride in the Park
 - i. REGISTRATION/VOLUNTEERS: GR will make an online Doodle poll/sign-up for volunteers for Saturday and Sunday, keep it open for one week, and then based on volunteer sign-ups we can decide whether we want to register for one day or two
 1. We did not discuss how to pay for registration (\$75 or \$125)
 - ii. Launch of new 1980s exhibit
 - iii. Release of new AIDS history pamphlet
 - iv. Flyer for the QTPOC panel
 - v. Distribute Zines, Issue 2; and maybe a Call for Submissions for Issue 3?
 - vi. Rectangular bumper stickers w/ logo on it?
- b. Sun, April 22: The Black LGBTQIA Experience panel @ RDC, 3pm-6pm
 - i. RDC is booked
 - ii. SWVA History Project will make the fb event page (with the understanding that The QTPOC Project may create their own fb page to advertise and 'launch' at the event)
 - iii. Distribute pamphlet with QTPOC Project mission statement, web/social media info, etc.
- c. Fri, April 27: Bar Crawl
 - i. Need to revise itinerary and flyer – maybe visit Downshift?
 - ii. Need to make fb event page

2) SUMMER STRATEGY

- a. GR & RB are gone entire month of May; RB is moving away in August; GR wants to step back / go on Sabbatical; so...
 - i. No new initiatives after April 2018. Just maintain the ongoing initiatives.
 - ii. Someone needs to take over social media (as of August)

1. Perhaps someone needs to become new 'co-leader' of the project alongside GR?
- iii. No public events this summer; just monthly meetings to work on our internal structure/organization

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1) ARCHIVES

- a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates.
- b. Digital Archives
 - i. uploading *BRLP* from 1986-1990.

2) WALKING TOURS

- a. Downtown Tour
 - i. JB had one guest on 2/18 tour.
- b. OSW Tour
 - i. The next tour is 3/18 led by TK.
- c. Laminations
 - i. There's a problem with the image files in the standing printshop order. We need to reassemble the images to resend to the printshop.
- d. Schedule Updates
 - i. February – Downtown = JB
 - ii. March – OSW = TK
 - iii. April – Downtown = MM
 - iv. GR will email JB, TK, MM, and RB about scheduling May-August tours
 1. RB would like to do a birthday/farewell tour in August

3) LGBT LIBRARY

- a. Library Policies
 - i. Now in print and on website
- b. Volunteers/Training
 - i. Volunteers are still gathering nearly every Sunday, 1pm-4pm, to catalog DVDs
- c. Future events
 - i. RB would like to spearhead collaborations with local writers/orgs, i.e. Soul Sessions, Tazewell Zine creator Sarah Sawyers-Lovett, etc.
 1. RB will reach out to them/these
 - ii. Request for library/History Project spokesperson for student/youth group event at RDC on Thurs, March 15, late afternoon
 1. RB can do it, if after 4:30pm. Otherwise, look for other volunteers

4) ORAL HISTORIES

- a. What is the next phase of oral histories after completion of The QTPOC Project grant?
 - i. Need to discuss at future meetings
- 5) 1980s EXHIBITION
 - a. January Archives Research Night: RB and GR attended
 - b. February Archives Research Night: cancelled
 - c. April 1 deadline: QR Code, make flyers for Pride, purchase URL
- 6) VIRGINIA COALITION ON LGBTIQ HISTORY
 - a. Website updates? None
 - b. Next Coalition Meeting: March 24th @ William & Mary. RB and GR attending.
- 7) ARTS INITIATIVE PROJECTS
 - a. Zine – Issue 2
 - i. More copies need to be printed and distributed, help with advertising
 - 1. At March meeting, brainstorm topic/theme for possible Issue 3?
 - b. Historical Marker
 - i. Randy Turner passed away before seeing this to fruition...
 - ii. GR needs to solicit a letter of support from the City Manager before the application can go forward
 - c. Franklin Road Bridge Public Art Proposal
 - i. No updates
 - d. Theater collaboration with Hollins in January
 - i. They decided to go another direction with the project. It is completed.

YEAR-THREE GOALS

- 1) THE QTPOC PROJECT
 - a. Interns provided updates
 - i. CL will finalize the mission statement
 - ii. KB will create a draft of image and text for “rainbow fist” logo
- 2) HIV/AIDS HISTORY / ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. Continued research: Archives after 1986; making a timeline of local AIDS history 1983-2000, due in April. BJ is taking the lead on this.
- 3) SOCIAL/FUN EVENTS
 - a. All-Gender Gay Bowling Date Night (a Valentine’s Day event for queer/trans cuties), Feb. 12, 9pm-11pm @ Lee-Hi Lanes
 - i. Two new people attended. Low turnout. But it was fun!
- 4) COLLABORATION
 - a. Outreach to local high school & college GSAs
 - i. No updates
 - b. Outreach / collaboration with local organizations
 - i. Drop-In Center – postpone

- ii. The Park – do a History of Drag / Fashion show @ The Park, featuring different decades – postpone
 - 1. Maybe The QTPOC Project takes this on in the fall?
 - iii. Soul Sessions / local queer writers and artists – summer?
- 5) VISIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals
 - i. RB will take over drafting these
- 6) MEMBERSHIP
 - a. Profile our volunteers on social media
 - i. RB needs more volunteers to volunteer
 - 1. GR will share QTPOC intern emails with RB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 1, 7pm = Black LGBTQ Advisory Board @ Mill Mountain Coffeehouse

Sunday, March 18, 2pm-4pm = OSW Gayborhood Walking Tour

Tuesday, March 20, 5:30m-7:30pm = General Meeting of the History Project @ Parrott Room

Saturday, March 24 = Virginia Coalition on LGBTIQ History meets @ Williamsburg

Thursday, April 5, 7pm = Black LGBTQ Advisory Board @ Mill Mountain Coffeehouse

Sat-Sun, April 14-15 = Pride in the Park @ Elmwood Park

Tuesday, April 17, 5:30pm-7:30pm = General Meeting of the History Project @ TBD

Sunday, April 22, 2pm-4pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour ---
Should we move this tour so as not to conflict with The QTPOC Project event?

Sunday, April 22, 3pm-6pm = The Black LGBTQIA Experience @ RDC, hosted by The QTPOC Project

Friday, April 27, 7pm-onward = Third Annual #MakeRoanokeQueerAgain Bar Crawl

No History Project meeting in May. The next meeting will be scheduled for June.