

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
March 27, 2018**

13 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: APRIL 2018 PLANNING

6:35pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

7:05pm: YEAR-THREE GOALS

7:30pm: Departure

APRIL 2018 PLANNING

- 1) Mon, April 9, 7pm: Third Annual "History Forum" @ The Park. Need to recruit panel ASAP.
 - a. GR has assigned volunteers to contact and invite proposed panelists.
- 2) Sat-Sun, April 14-15: Pride in the Park
 - a. We are registered. All VOLUNTEER / DONATIONS are being coordinated through the online editable Google Spreadsheet
 - b. Launch of 1980s exhibit
 - c. Flyer promoting 1980s exhibit
 - d. Release of new AIDS history pamphlet
 - e. Flyer for QTPOC panel
 - f. Distribute Zines issues 1 and 2.
 - g. Call for submissions for Zine issue 3?
 - h. Merch
 - i. Hats
 - ii. RB is looking into making buttons and/or small stickers
- 3) Saturday, April 14, 6pm-ish: Roanoke Pride is proposing a "History March"
 - a. GR met with a Roanoke Pride rep on Thursday, March 29th to learn more. It looks like we may just be giving a shortened, glorified walking tour on Saturday evening. More updates will come via the email listserv.
- 4) Sunday, April 15, 2pm: First Friday is proposing a Lesbian Herstory meet-and-greet with founding members of First Friday. Meet at our booth and then go off to a quiet place to talk.
- 5) Sun, April 22: The Black LGBTQIA Experience panel @ RDC, 3pm-6pm
 - a. Advertising: color flyers distributed at meeting
 - i. Add QTPOC Project as co-host to FB event
- 6) Fri, April 27: Bar Crawl

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- 1) ARCHIVES
 - a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates.
 - b. Digital Archives
 - i. No updates
- 2) WALKING TOURS
 - a. Downtown Tour
 - i. Having trouble scheduling April tour. MM is tentative for April 29th. JB can do it if MM can't.
 - b. OSW Tour
 - i. RB's tour on March 18th had 3 participants
 - ii. Next tour on May 6th. GR is leading.
 - 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. We are scheduled through July...
- 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. We also have hundreds of new books waiting to be catalogued.
 - c. Future events
 - i. RB will reach out to Soul Sessions about colab – for summer 2018
- 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. April 1 deadline for full draft!
 - i. Making flyers for Pride w/ QR code. RB will update quarter-sheet flyer. GR will send RB file
 - ii. Purchasing URL address for exhibit. Consensus around not doing this at meeting, but then GR sent appeal to group to reconsider. GR would like gay80sroanoke.org
 - iii. Finalizing exhibit content / Copyediting / Proofreading
 1. Copyeditors: RB; PM; JB
 2. GR will allude to gay bowling (1985) in softball slide (1980)
- 6) VIRGINIA COALITION ON LGBTIQ HISTORY

- a. Website updates? None
 - b. Coalition met March 24th @ William and Mary. GR and RB attended.
 - c. Next meeting: September 15th @ Charlottesville.
- 7) ARTS INITIATIVE PROJECTS
- a. Zine – updates from RB
 - 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

YEAR-THREE GOALS

- 1) THE QTPOC PROJECT
 - a. Interns provided wonderful updates
 - b. Recruiting panelists for April 22 panel: GR is holding the interns' feet to the fire.
 - c. GR needs to audit-edit the oral histories.
- 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. Bar Crawl coming up on April 27th
- 4) COLLABORATION
 - a. Outreach to local high school & college GSAs
 - i. RB may meet with Cave Spring Middle School GSA soon
 - 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. RB is taking the lead.
- 5) VISIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals
 - i. AG will make a prototype
- 6) MEMBERSHIP
 - a. Profile our volunteers on social media

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 9, 7pm = Third Annual “History Forum” @ The Park

Thursday, April 12, 7pm = Black LGBTQ Advisory Board @ Mill Mountain Coffeehouse

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

Saturday, April 14, 1pm-5pm = "Becoming Visible" LGBTQ symposium @ Hollins. GR is speaking about the project at this event.

Saturday, April 14, 6pm-ish = History March @ Pride in the Park?

Sunday, April 15, 2pm = Lesbian Herstory meet-and-greet with First Friday @ Pride in the Park

Tuesday, April 17, 5:30pm-7:30pm = General Meeting of the History Project @ Parrott Room, 2nd fl., Roanoke Public Library main branch

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

Sunday, April 29, 2pm-4pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Sunday, April 29, 4pm-7pm = QTPOC Project party @ PT's residence

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