

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
April 17, 2018**

7 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: APRIL 2018 PLANNING

6:30pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

7:00pm: YEAR-THREE GOALS

7:30pm: Departure

APRIL 2018 PLANNING

- 1) Mon, April 9, 7pm: Third Annual "History Forum" @ The Park.
 - a. Went great. Had six diverse panelists. Successful event. Pictures posted to Facebook.
- 2) Sat-Sun, April 14-15: Pride in the Park
 - a. What a great weekend! We raised a little over \$100 from selling merch: all the money reimbursed to OM, RB, and GR to cover costs of producing the merch. No profits.
 - b. Pictures posted to Facebook.
 - c. Other feedback on the weekend:
 - i. Too many flyers at our booth. Can we condense info into one flyer?
 - ii. Or a folder w/ flyers in it, that we hand out to people?
 - iii. Can we set up PayPal/Venmo to take credit cards next time? A lot of people wanted to buy merch but did not have cash
- 3) Sunday, April 15, 2pm: Lesbian Herstory meet-and-greet with founding members of First Friday.
 - a. Great event! Many people said it was the highlight of the weekend.
 - i. Can we do this again next year? Do another story circle? Not necessarily lesbian-themed, but just a history story circle or meet-and-great at our booth?
- 4) Sun, April 22: The Black LGBTQIA Experience panel @ RDC, 3pm-6pm
- 5) Fri, April 27: Bar Crawl @ City Market, 7pm-onward

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. Need to figure who is actually leading this tour!
 - 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...
 - e. Tour Guide Training
 - i. We will hold a Downtown tour training in mid-June before the June public tour
 - ii. We will hold an OSW tour training in mid-July before the July public tour
- 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. GR's students will complete 4 new interviews in Spring 2019
 - ii. Maybe work with Oral History grad students at Virginia Tech? Find an LGBTQ-aligned student/s who can be oral history teachers or practitioners for the project?
 - iii. What about future of QTPOC Project (interns)? Do they want to do more interviews?
- 5) 1980s EXHIBITION
 - a. Published!
 - b. Send exhibit link to some Roanoke Times people for publicity?
- 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.

- d. Skype conference, April 20: GR participated
- 7) ARTS INITIATIVE PROJECTS
 - a. Zine – updates from RB: Issue three call for submissions is released. Flyers distributed. Facebook post made.
 - b. Historical Marker
 - c. Franklin Road Bridge Public Art Proposal
 - i. We were turned down by the Arts Commission...
 - d. Add “Arts Initiative” tab to website!

YEAR-THREE GOALS

- 1) THE QTPOC PROJECT
 - a. Interns provided wonderful updates
 - b. Recruiting panelists for April 22 panel
 - c. GR needs to audit-edit the oral histories.
- 2) HIV/AIDS HISTORY / ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. AIDS pamphlet published and distributed at Pride
- 3) SOCIAL/FUN EVENTS
 - a. Bar Crawl coming up on April 27th.
 - b. Possible gay summer camp reunion w/ First Friday. JM is the point person on this.
 - c. Diversity Camp:
 - i. Let’s schedule day/time of workshop. GR, RB, and OM are willing to be part of the planning / execution of said workshop
 - ii. Gay Olympics theme? Have planning meeting in early May
- 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. 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 made a prototype, which we reviewed
 - ii. Next steps: AG will make amendments to design; send to listserv, everyone votes on final design
 - iii. June = redesign the website; print QHLH decals; go around town meeting with businesses to put them up in store windows!
- 6) MEMBERSHIP
 - a. Profile our volunteers on social media
- 7) SUMMER PLANS
 - a. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12th
 - b. Replace Rachel’s duties / co-leader?

- i. Social media
 - ii. Zines
 - iii. OSW tour
- c. Gregory steps back
 - i. Make list of things GR does and how/where to step back

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, May 6, 2pm-4pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Thursday, June 7, 6pm-8pm = The QTPOC Project: Representation Matters meeting @ Parrott Room, 2nd floor, Roanoke Public Library

Friday, June 8, 6pm = Monthly LGBTIQ Virginia conference call

Tuesday, June 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm = Monthly History Project meeting @ Parrott Room, 2nd floor, Roanoke Public Library

Sunday, June 17, 2pm-4pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

June 18-24 = Diversity Camp

Sunday, July 22, 2pm-4pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour