

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project**  
**General Meeting**  
**June 12th, 2018**

3 People in Attendance

**AGENDA**

6PM: CHECK INS

6:05PM: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:45PM: YEAR THREE GOALS

7:15PM: SUMMER PLANS/PLANNED SHRINKAGE

**ONGOING INITIATIVES**

- 1) ARCHIVES
  - a. Physical Archives:
    - i. No updates.
  - b. Digital Archives:
    - i. No updates.
- 2) WALKING TOURS
  - a. Downtown Tour:
    - i. Next tour is June 17<sup>th</sup>, JB is leading.
  - b. OSW Tour:
    - i. Next tour is July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is RB's final tour! RB will make FB event.
  - c. Updated tour schedule:
    - i. We are scheduled through July. To do: Figure out Fall schedule.
  - d. TOUR GUIDE TRAINING:
    - i. We need new tour guides! Esp for OSW tour. OM has expressed interest in mid-July training for OSW tour. To do: recruit more potential tour guides for July training.
- 3) LGBT LIBRARY
  - a. Library Policies:
    - i. No updates.
  - b. Volunteering:
    - i. We still have hundreds of new books that need to be catalogued. Sunday cataloguing sessions are on hold for now. Check facebook page or contact GR for updates and to get involved.
    - ii. OM checked in during May and catalogued a few DVDs. Thanks Ollie!
    - iii. RB has acquired a queer zine from a former SWVA local. She will drop off at LGBT library soon.
  - c. Future Events:
    - i. Soul Sessions has expressed interest in collaborating again on a workshop/reading.
    - ii. JB mentioned potential collaboration with "Queer in Appalachia" at Vtech. JB will be point of contact for this.
    - iii. RB mentioned getting another project member in touch with Gina Simmone, who runs the Queer Appalachia Facebook page, and having them come to Roanoke at some point.
- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
  - a. Phase IV - QTPOC interviews.
    - i. No updates.
  - b. Next Phase:

- i. QTPOC Project interested in doing more interviews in the future.
  - ii. GR's students will do interviews spring 2019.
- 5) 1980s EXHIBITION
  - a. Avenues for Publicity:
    - i. RB will post link on "80s Drag Trivia Night" FB page. RB will also look into creating an archived Instagram "story" that links to the exhibition.
- 6) VIRGINIA COALITION on LGBTIQ HISTORY
  - a. Skype Conference April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018:
    - i. GR will give updates when they return.
  - b. Next Meeting: September 15<sup>th</sup> @ Charlottesville.
- 7) ARTS INITIATIVE PROJECTS
  - a. Zine Issue Three:
    - i. Submissions are due this Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>! Please spread the word and submit if you want.
    - ii. Zine will be assembled end of June/early July. Please contact RB to get involved. She will send reminder emails.
  - b. Workshop at Diversity Camp 2018:
    - i. RB and GR will rework "Trans History" workshop to account for feedback from previous year's camp.
- 8) YEAR-THREE GOALS
  - a. The QTPOC Project:
    - i. The QTPOC Project is now an independent local history and activism project. They held their first meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please "like" them on Facebook and email [ashleighngriffin@gmail.com](mailto:ashleighngriffin@gmail.com) to request to be put on their mailing list.
  - b. HIV/AIDS History:
    - i. No Updates.
  - c. Social/Fun Events:
    - i. Workshop w/ Soul Sessions at the LGBT Library on 6/9/18 went fabulously! Thanks to those who attended.
    - ii. Pride Picnic/Event in September? The QTPOC Project is also thinking about a Pride event in September. Let's keep in touch about this.
  - d. Collaboration:
    - i. GSA outreach/Drop-In Center/The Park: on hold til Fall.
    - ii. Soul Sessions/Tee who led 6/9/18 workshop interested in future collaborations at the LGBT Library.
    - iii. Kelly Bryant from MCC interested in collaborating. JB will be point of contact.
  - e. Visibility:
    - i. AG still has drafts of QR code decals. To do: figure out next steps with these.
  - f. Membership
    - ii. RB, OM, JB discussed potential changes to membership that might improve involvement; namely: asking project members to claim responsibility for specific roles in the long-term, ie: a member will commit to making "meeting minutes" after every meeting, a member will commit to running our facebook page, a member will commit to running our Instagram. These commitments could be fulfilled remotely and not all world necessitate coming to monthly meetings. As opposed to having project "co-leaders." To do: get more feedback on delineating roles more explicitly.

9) SUMMER PLANS/PLANNED SHRINKAGE

- a. Project co-leader RB is moving in August.
  - i. RB, OM, and JB discussed having RB make a detailed list of all the tasks she has performed/does perform for the project so these tasks can be delineated to other project members.
  - ii. RB will make this list available at July meeting and likely send out via email.
  - iii. RB will be able to provide training to folx interested in taking up any of her projects/responsibilities before she leaves in August.
- b. Project co-leader GR would like to step back from co-leading the project.
  - i. RB, OM, and JB also discussed having GR write a detailed list of all the tasks they have/do perform for the project, so that other project members can delineate these tasks/decide which ones can be deprioritized.
  - ii. If GR can create a list, we discussed having this available at July meeting also.
- c. Planned Shrinkage:
  - i. To keep project going after August, we discussed the following potential solutions:
    - a. Have GR + RB create lists of the various tasks they both do for the project.
    - b. Create a spreadsheet that lists these tasks and have project members participate in delineating these tasks and deciding which ones can be deprioritized during July and August meetings.
    - c. Monthly Meetings are helpful but not well-attended. We discussed using more google docs/spreadsheets that can be edited via email so people can sign up for tasks/defined roles without necessarily needing to come to the meetings, ie: how we organize volunteers during Pride. Asking several project members to voluntarily take on small, defined roles (some of which can be performed virtually) may help us spread labor out and recruit more volunteers, rather than needing a couple “co-leaders” to be responsible for large and time-consuming initiatives.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 19<sup>th</sup>: Downtown Walking Tour

July 12<sup>th</sup>: Next General Meeting @ Roanoke Public Libraries

July 22<sup>nd</sup>: OSW Walking Tour

August 10<sup>th</sup>: RB’s last day in Roanoke.