

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
February 25, 2019**

5 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:35pm: YEAR-FOUR GOALS

7:30pm: Departure

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- 1) ARCHIVES
 - a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates
 - b. Digital Archives
 - i. We are digitizing *BRLPs*, 1986-1990. Recently finished 1989. Just one more year to go to meet this year's digitization goal.
- 2) WALKING TOURS
 - a. Schedule
 - i. February 24 – OSW = ND
 1. 6 people attended
 - ii. March 24 – Downtown = ND
 - iii. April 6 (SAT) – special OSW First Friday tours = ND
 - iv. May TBD – Downtown = MM?
 - v. June TBD – OSW = ND?
 - vi. July TBD – Downtown = JB?
 - b. Tour Guide Training
 - i. summer 2019
 - c. REVISIONS TO DOWNTOWN TOUR:
 - i. GR has sent out the tour script to the listserv for review
 - ii. Test-run of revised tour scheduled for Sunday, April 28
 - d. West Station Tour – prototype by April?
- 3) LGBT LIBRARY
 - a. Volunteer
 - i. Cataloging every other Sunday, 1-4pm. Join Gay Library Nonsense FB group for updates.
 1. Next work day is Sunday, March 31st, to prep for the book sale
 - b. Events
 - i. Poetry workshops - Point of Contact: OM
 1. Next one on “Coming Out.” Not scheduled yet, maybe a Friday evening in April?
 - ii. Book Fair / Book Sale

1. Scheduled for Pride weekend, April 13-14
 2. GR will send out email to community by the end of the week
 - iii. Book Club – Point of Contact: OH
 1. The first book club meeting will be Sunday, March 10th @ the LGBT Library.
- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
- a. Phase V:
 - i. Spring 2019 interviews – GR’s class – four narrators: CH; GB; RC; C
 - ii. We also have a fifth narrator lined up as an alternate, or perhaps a QTPOC Project interview

YEAR-FOUR GOALS

- 1) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. No updates
- 2) THE QTPOC PROJECT – Point of Contact: GG
 - a. Feb. 19 Meeting – report back
 - i. 3 people attended; only 1 person of color. We brainstormed organizing strategies.
 - ii. GG is organizing the next get-together, which will be a social event for QTPOC folks
 - iii. We are also trying to get control over The QTPOC Project facebook page
- 3) TRANSGENDER HISTORY
 - a. No updates
- 4) DRAG HISTORY
 - i. Story circle idea – on hold
 - ii. History of Drag posterboard idea:
 1. Begin advertising a blank posterboard in March on social media; “Great Moments in SWVA Drag History”
 2. Ultimately display the board at Pride in the Park in April and crowdsource people’s comments on the board!
- 5) PHYSICAL, MOBILE EXHIBIT
 - a. “The Park at 40” – small exhibit about the night club @ Roanoke College. Will be up in the History Department building through the winter
 - b. Idea for a bigger exhibit – reach out to UU church to see if they would be interested in hosting & funding an exhibit on local LGBTQ history?
- 6) VISIBILITY / ACCESSIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals – point person = OM
 - i. Updates: We have purchased the first round of decals!!!
 - ii. Next Steps:
 1. GR will write short statement about decal project for the community / handout for business owners

2. Sunday, March 10th, 4pm, after book club, we'll do a walk-around downtown to encourage folks to put the decals up!
- 7) MULTI-MEDIA OUTREACH / APRIL 2019 PLANS
- a. FIRST FRIDAY REUNION weekend / Denim Days commemoration / etc. – April 4-7 – point persons: JB & ND
 - i. Commemoration of Denim Days at Tech, April 4-5 – we're not involved
 - ii. Gish House Open House & bus tours, Sat., Apr 6
 1. We'll be tabling & helping with the tours
 - iii. Documentary film screening at the Grandin, Sun Apr 7
 1. We'll be tabling
 - iv. GR will make a list of things to print & we'll set a printing/folding/stapling party date for late March / early April
 - b. PRIDE IN THE PARK – April 13-14
 - i. See the Google Spreadsheet for volunteer & donation needs
 - c. Plowshares screening of the film "Pride" – no updates
 - d. #MAKEROANOKEQUEERAGAIN BAR CRAWL
 - i. Friday, April 26. GR will solicit suggestions on the listserv for where we should stop on the crawl this year

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 10, 2pm = First LGBTQ Book Club meeting, "Dirty River" @ LGBT Library

Sunday, March 10, 4pm = Put up "Queer History Lives Here" decals

Sunday, March 24, 2pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Monday, March 25, 5:30pm – 7:30pm = Next History Project MEETING! @ Parrott Room, Roanoke Public Library

Sunday, March 31, 1pm-4pm = last LGBT Library work session before the book sale

Saturday, April 6 = First Friday Reunion, Open House & Walking Tours @ Gish House

Sunday, April 7 = First Friday film screening @ Grandin Theater

Sat-Sun, April 13-14 = Pride in the Park @ Elmwood Park

Friday, April 26, 7pm = 4th Annual #MakeRoanokeQueerAgain Bar Crawl

Sunday, April 28, 2pm = Test-Run of Revised Downtown walking tour