

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
April 29, 2019**

3 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:30pm: YEAR-FOUR GOALS

7pm: Departure

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- 1) ARCHIVES
 - a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates
 - b. Digital Archives
 - i. We finished digitizing all newsletters from the 1970s and 1980s! Only two three years to do so. ☺
 - ii. Next academic year, 2019-2020, GSR is not hiring a research assistant, so digitization will only occur if volunteers step up to do it; otherwise digitization will resume in Fall 2020.
- 2) WALKING TOURS
 - a. Schedule
 - i. May 19 – Downtown = MM
 - ii. July 7 – OSW = ND?
 - iii. August TBD – Downtown = JB?
 - iv. September TBD – OSW =
 - v. October TBD – Downtown = OM
 - b. Tour Guide Training
 - i. June 30 – OSW tour guide training
 - ii. July 14 – Downtown tour guide training
 - c. West Station Tour – test prototype this summer
- 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, May 26, 1pm-2pm = to decide to either shelve book sale books, or make an alternate plan
 - b. Events
 - i. Book Fair / Book Sale
 1. Did not happen
 - ii. Book Club – Point of Contact: OH
 1. The next meeting is May 26th, 2pm: *Real Queer America*

- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
 - a. Phase V (Spring 2019): Complete
 - b. Phase VI (Spring 2020): Need to recruit FOUR new narrators by the end of the year

YEAR-FOUR GOALS

- 1) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. No updates
- 2) THE QTPOC PROJECT – Point of Contact: GG
 - a. No updates
- 3) TRANSGENDER HISTORY
 - a. No updates
- 4) DRAG HISTORY
 - a. History of Drag posterboard idea – Point Person: OM
 - i. Scrapping this
- 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 summer?
- 6) VISIBILITY / ACCESSIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals – point person = OM
 - i. Next steps: GSR will make a Google Spreadsheet. Folks will populate the sheet with businesses and sign up to contact them.
- 7) MULTI-MEDIA OUTREACH / APRIL 2019 PLANS
 - a. FIRST FRIDAY REUNION weekend / Denim Days commemoration / etc. – April 4-7 – point persons: JB & ND
 - i. Report back
 - b. PRIDE IN THE PARK – April 14
 - i. Report back
 - c. #MAKEROANOKEQUEERAGAIN BAR CRAWL
 - i. report back
 - d. DIVERSITY CAMP workshop – June 21, 2019
 - i. We discussed ideas. Will propose Gay Olympics workshop based on the Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreat. GSR & OM will meet, after Pride, to begin planning this.
 1. Planning meeting is Thurs, May 23, 6:30pm @ OM’s.
 2. GSR will print out flyers and oral histories related to the theme.
 - e. SUMMER PLANS
 - i. GSR will make a Google Doc listing summer goals / activities and people can sign up to help with them
 - ii. We will not hold monthly meetings this summer, but rather hold a Halfway check-in meeting this summer on Wed, July 3,

6pm @ Highland Park. This will be a potluck/picnic/meeting.
Rain location will be announced if needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 19, 2pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Thursday, May 23, 6:30pm = Diversity Camp workshop planning meeting

Sunday, May 26, 1pm = Next LGBT Library work session @ RDC

Sunday, May 26, 2pm = Next LGBTQ Book Club Meeting: Samantha Allen's "Real Queer America" @ RDC

Friday, June 21 = LGBTQ History workshop @ Diversity Camp, Craig Springs

Sunday, June 30, 2pm = OSW Tour Guide TRAINING

Wednesday, July 3, 6pm = History Project Potluck/Picnic / SUMMER MEETING @ Highland Park. Rain location TBA.

Sunday, July 7, 2pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Sunday, July 14, 2pm = Downtown Tour Guide TRAINING