

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Interest Meeting at the Williamson Road Library
November 13, 2019**

3 people in attendance

AGENDA

6:30pm: Meeting begins

7:30pm: Departure

1) ONGOING INITIATIVES

a. ARCHIVES

- i. Update: TC is new high school volunteer who will be scanning in historic newspapers from our archives, c. 1990-1995, on a weekly basis; GSR's new research fellow at RC will do the other end of the process of uploading the scans into our digital archive. The goal is to complete digitization of all c. 1990-1995 newsletters by May 2020.

- 1. As of November we've finished 1990-1991 and are now working on 1992!

- ii. There is potential interest of a summer college intern to do 300 hours of scanning and digitizing of the gay newsletters this summer.

b. WALKING TOURS

i. SCHEDULE:

- 1. August 25 – Downtown = GSR had 12 guests
- 2. September 15 – OSW = OM had 1 guest
- 3. September 22 – Downtown = JB had 1 guest
- 4. October 20 – Downtown = LM had zero guests
- 5. November 3 – OSW = ND had zero guests
- 6. No December tour
- 7. January TBD – Downtown = ND
- 8. February TBD – OSW = OM
- 9. March TBD – West Station launch? = GSR
- 10. April TBD – Downtown = OM
- 11. May TBD – OSW = ND
- 12. June TBD – Downtown = JB
- 13. July TBD – West Station = ?
- 14. August TBD – Downtown = LM
- 15. September TBD – OSW – OM
- 16. October TBD – Downtown – ND
- 17. November TBD – West Station - ?
- 18. December – no tour

ii. WEST STATION TOUR – proposed launch schedule

- 1. November 17, 10am-12pm: Test-Run of West Station walking tour – solicit further feedback

- a. GSR has made one-page surveys to distribute after the tour to get feedback
 - 2. March 2020: tour launch
 - 3. Summer 2020: tour training for new and old guides
 - iii. PROMOTION:
 - 1. ND has volunteered to make a flyer with a full schedule of our 2020 tours on it
 - 2. We also agreed that we should begin advertising tours on FB and Insta at least one month in advance of each tour
- c. LGBT LIBRARY
 - i. We discussed the ongoing struggles with volunteer participation/interest in doing library work, and we decided that GSR will inform the RDC that besides doing periodic maintenance (cataloging, straightening up) as well as hosting the book club, otherwise the History Project has concluded its role in managing the library and would like the RDC to take over day-to-day management
- d. ORAL HISTORIES
 - i. We need to recruit four new oral history narrators by the end of 2019 for scheduled February 2020 interviews...
 - 1. Possible narrators: AR; ED; WB; MB
- e. DECALS
 - i. GSR will get the decals from OM – did not happen
 - ii. We will put this off for yet another month!
- f. QTPOC Project
 - i. World AIDS Day event @ Dumas Center, Sunday, Dec. 1, 4pm-7pm. We need Volunteers to help staff our table at the event. We are also helping to promote the event.

2) YEAR-FIVE GOALS

- a. Quarterly Community Forums – LM
 - i. First one tentatively scheduled for January, focused on LGBTQ housing issues
 - 1. GSR is interested in making an LGBTQ housing justice brochure; otherwise we're holding off on planning this event until next meeting
- b. SEF grant – money for QTPOC community organizing / social initiatives – NM
 - i. Grant-writing process?
- c. LGBTQ Anti-Gentrification organizing – NM
 - i. Tied-in w/ housing forum, for now...?
- d. QTPOC outreach – NM
 - i. Tied-in w/ SEF grant, for now...?
- e. Meeting facilitation – GSR & LM
- f. Promotion – everyone

- i. Website – GSR & OM?
- ii. Facebook – JB
- iii. Instagram – LM
- iv. Flyers – ND has committed to take the lead with these

3) NEXT PROJECT MEETING:

- a. We will stick with Wednesday evenings at the Williamson Road Library, with the option to revisit this plan if meeting turnout remains low

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 17, 10am-12pm = Test-Run of the new West Station Walking Tour

Sunday, November 17, 2pm-3pm = LGBTQ Book Club, “Redefining Realness”

Sunday, December 1, 4pm-7pm = World AIDS Day event @ Dumas Center; co-hosted w/ Planned Parenthood. We need Volunteers!

Monday, December 2 = AIDS in Roanoke small student exhibit opens @ Logan Gallery, Roanoke College

Sunday, December 15, 2pm-3pm = LGBTQ Book Club, “Stone Butch Blues”

Wednesday, January 8, 6pm – 7:30pm = Next History Project General Interest Meeting @ Location TBD