

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project  
General Interest Meeting at Sweet Donkey Coffeehouse  
January 8, 2020**

2 people in attendance

**AGENDA**

6:00pm: Meeting begins

7:30pm: Departure

1) ONGOING INITIATIVES

a. ARCHIVES

- i. No updates

b. WALKING TOURS

- i. SCHEDULE for all of 2020 is online
- ii. FLYER: ND showed off 2020 tour flyer for review; will make changes based on feedback and then we'll send out to listserv for 72 hours of further review
- iii. INSTA: ND will make Insta-ready graphics for walking tour promotion
- iv. BROCHURE: EW submitted new brochure draft; GSR will send her feedback from group for revision
- v. WEST STATION TOUR:
  - 1. March 8<sup>th</sup>: tour launch
  - 2. Summer 2020: tour training for new and old guides

c. LGBT LIBRARY

- i. Updates – reported the end of our role, for now, to RDC
- ii. Possible children's/YA book donation incoming...
- iii. BOOK CLUB: Seeking ideas for new books for 2020; see library's facebook page

d. ORAL HISTORIES

- i. Phase VI (Spring 2020) narrators: AR; ED; WB; MB

e. DECALS

- i. We decided to ditch this project due to lack of interest in getting it done

f. QTPOC Project

- i. Not clear that there is any QTPOC project leadership, or planned activities, for 2020. Perhaps the focus now is on the new SEF grant (see below)

2) YEAR-FIVE GOALS

a. Quarterly Community Forums – LM

- i. Unclear where this initiative is headed
- ii. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT GRANT: We discussed at length this grant, and possible grant ideas (including those submitted via email and FB messenger). We decided that, were

we to apply, we'd want to do a series of housing justice workshops, bring in guest speakers. (But we may table this idea, this year, due to lack of interest and labor):

1. Fair housing laws
  2. Tenant organizing
  3. Housing history
  4. Know your rights
  5. Capacity building / next steps / etc.
- b. SEF grant – money for QTPOC community organizing / social initiatives – NM
    - i. NM and AR submitted a draft of the grant for review; GSR will send them the group's feedback
  - c. LGBTQ Anti-Gentrification organizing – NM
    - i. No updates
  - d. QTPOC outreach – NM
    - i. Tied-in w/ SEF grant, for now...?
  - e. Meeting facilitation – GSR & LM
  - f. Promotion – everyone, although ND has stepped up to do graphic design and social media assistance throughout all quarters of the project for now
    - i. Website – GSR & ND
    - ii. Facebook – JB & ND
    - iii. Instagram – LM & ND
    - iv. Flyers – ND
  - g. Grab bag: We've been invited to participate (tabling) in a festival in Winchester, VA on March 7<sup>th</sup>. GSR will send out details to listserv.

### 3) NEXT PROJECT MEETING:

- a. We decided to do another Doodle Poll, since Wednesday evenings don't seem to be working.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, January 12, 2pm-3:30pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Sunday, January 26, 2pm-3pm = LGBTQ Book Club, "Girl, Woman, Other" @ RDC

Sunday, February 9, 2pm-4pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Sunday, March 8, 2pm-4pm = \*PUBLIC LAUNCH\* of 'Before West Station' LGBTQ Walking Tour

Sat-Sun, April 4-5 = Roanoke's Pride in the Park festival?

Friday, April 24, 7pm-onward = 5<sup>th</sup> Annual #MakeRoanokeQueerAgain Bar Crawl?