

Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
6th Anniversary Meeting
September 7, 2021

ATTENDANCE: 3

MINUTES:

- 1) The year that was (Sept 2020 - now)
 - a) Huge turnout at our June 2021 Pride events — both the walking tours & the Pride picnic at Wasena Park
 - b) Revised OSW tour launch & re-launched in June
 - c) Tour training - recruited one new tour guide
 - d) Restarted the LGBTQ book club
 - e) Released Podcast episodes #2 and #3
 - f) Finally finished moving the LGBT library into the new RDC
 - g) Had only two meetings & consequently we haven't gained any new members while we have lost several core folks
- 2) Archives
 - a) Physical Archives
 - i) High school student volunteer?
 - (1) GSR will try to recruit another high school student
 - (2) GSR will ask for volunteers on the listserv
 - b) Digital Archives
- 3) Oral Histories
 - a) Recruitment for spring 2022 interviews
 - i) GSR will make post to Virginia Pride Appalachia to recruit potential rural narrators
- 4) Walking Tours
 - a) Make short videos of walking tour spots for social media promotion - any volunteers?
 - b) For June 2022, schedule one of each tour for special Pride month edition
 - c) Cancel Jan & Feb 2022 tours. Restart tours in March 2022.
 - d) Keep focusing on the three tours until we get more guides before creating a fourth tour
- 5) LGBT Library
 - a) Status
 - i) For the holidays, partner with the RDC to get people to donate new books to the library from the Wish List (w/ a particular focus on children's and YA literature)

- (1) GSR will share Wish List w/ LM, LA, and AC for review
 - ii) Call for volunteers to take selfies with a book from the collection for our social media
 - b) Book Club
 - c) Events?
 - i) AC - update on programming?
- 6) Events
 - a) Fall Picnic w/ SONG?
 - b) 2022 Pride events?
 - c) GSR will reach out to LGBR about doing a trans-centered fall gathering, maybe around TDOR or something else
 - d) House of Expression mini-ball (Oct. 23) --- ask GG about tabling at the event, or distributing literature?
 - i) Promote the mini-ball on our accounts
- 7) Merchandise
 - a) Just sold last hats. Wait on purchasing new hats until closer to 2022 Pride events
 - b) LM will clean through the tub to streamline our literature & merch
- 8) Next meeting: late October or early November 2021
 - a) We can decide then what kind of meeting schedule we want for 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 19, 2pm: Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Sunday, September 19, 2pm: LGBTQ Book Club, "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" by Malinda Lo. Meets in Highland Park.

Sunday, October 17: Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Saturday, October 23: House of Expression Mini-Ball. Please support them & plan to attend!

Sunday, November 14: 'Before West Station' LGBTQ Walking Tour

Tuesday, December 7, 6:30pm: Book Launch for *Living Queer History* w/ Samantha Rosenthal and special guests at the downtown branch of the Roanoke Public Libraries