

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Interest Meeting at Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea
October 9, 2019**

4 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Meeting begins

7pm: 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 October we've finished 1990 and are now working on 1991!

- ii. GSR will work on procuring HIV/AIDS materials from potential donor

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
5. November 3 – OSW = ND – need to advertise!
6. No December tour
7. January TBD – Downtown = ND or OM
8. February TBD – OSW = OM
9. March TBD – West Station launch? = GSR
10. April TBD – Downtown = OM or ND
11. May TBD – OSW = ND
12. June TBD – Downtown = JB
13. July TBD – West Station = ?
14. And so on...

ii. WEST STATION TOUR – proposed launch schedule

1. Now: please review the walking tour script and give feedback and suggestions to GSR for revisions and editing
2. Fall 2019: GSR will work with RC research fellow to assemble laminations for tour
3. November 17, 10am-12pm: Test-Run of West Station walking tour – solicit further feedback

- a. Send out tour script again before test-run
 - 4. March 2020: tour launch
 - 5. Summer 2020: tour training for new and old guides
- c. LGBT LIBRARY
 - i. VOLUNTEER: Join Roanoke LGBT Library Volunteers FB group for updates.
 - ii. Next monthly WORK SESSION: Sunday, Oct. 27, 1pm-4pm
 - iii. TRANZMISSION PRISON PROJECT: Over forty books have been delivered to the Asheville-based collective for distribution to incarcerated LGBTQ individuals
 - iv. BOOK DRIVE – underway. Donations already coming in! Please share the link with others.
 - v. BOOK CLUB – ongoing. Check the library’s Facebook page for details
- d. ORAL HISTORIES
 - i. We need to recruit four new oral history narrators by the end of 2019 for scheduled February 2020 interviews...
 - 1. We discussed JC; AR; potentially one other Black narrator; and one older white gay or lesbian narrator.
- e. DECALS
 - i. GSR will get the decals from OM
 - ii. At our next meeting we will distribute the decals and flyers to those who have signed up on the spreadsheet (and update the spreadsheet)
 - iii. The idea of approaching the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce for help was also raised, if someone is willing to bottom-line that...
- f. QTPOC Project
 - i. Quick updates on the Dr. E. Patrick Johnson visit, and the *Roanoke Times* coverage, which seems to have been a great success. QTPOC folks need to meet to determine next steps

2) YEAR-FIVE GOALS

- a. Quarterly Community Forums – LM
 - i. First one tentatively scheduled for January, focused on LGBTQ housing issues
- b. SEF grant – money for QTPOC community organizing / social initiatives – NM
 - i. GSR will send NM template of our last grant
 - ii. Need to get QTPOC folks involved in the grant-writing process
- c. LGBTQ Anti-Gentrification organizing – NM
 - i. We suggested that this can initially tie-in with the first community forum on housing justice
- d. QTPOC outreach – NM
 - i. Initially this can be part of the process of putting together the SEF grant

- e. Meeting facilitation – GSR & LM
 - i. GSR will send LM meeting facilitation guidelines
- f. Promotion – everyone
 - i. Website – GSR & OM?
 - ii. Facebook – JB
 - iii. Instagram – LM
 - iv. Flyers – everyone; we commit to making colorful flyers for all future events

3) NEXT PROJECT MEETING:

- a. GSR will send out a Doodle poll to see if M, Tu, We, or Th are best, for a date in early November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 20, 2pm-4pm = Downtown Walking Tour

Sunday, October 27, 1pm-4pm = Next LGBT Library volunteer work session

Early November = next General Interest Meeting

Sunday, November 3, 2pm-4pm = Old Southwest Walking Tour

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

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

January 2020 = first Community Forum?