

Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Interest Meeting at the Roanoke Public Libraries
January 10, 2023

Attendance: 3

Meeting Minutes:

1) ARCHIVES

- a) Possible completion of digitization of the full run of the *BRLP* (1983-2008) by this April. Possibility to do some kind of public event celebrating the history of the *BRLP*?

2) LIBRARY

- a) No updates

3) ORAL HISTORIES

- a) Community Oral History Workshop - launching summer 2023 at Roanoke College - GSR

4) PODCAST

- a) Episode 4 & 5 launched in December
- b) Podcast launch event, Thurs, Dec. 1 (World AIDS Day) at Ursula's Cafe
 - i) Reactions? Event went very well. Ursula's was a great host.

5) WALKING TOURS

- a) Make short videos of walking tour spots for social media promotion — KS
 - i) This fall KS will create some short videos of distinct sites for Instagram reels (and possible future TikTok account)
 - (1) 3 short reels will be posted in the lead up to the March walking tour!

b) Updates on tour guide training & staffing

- i) 2023 walking tour schedule! - see revised webpage
- ii) Revised brochure

c) Proposed changes to walking tours

- i) Starting in 2023 we have rebranded the West Station tour the "Salem Avenue Historic District Walking Tour"
- ii) Time to revise the Downtown tour?

- (1) We will read and mark up the script on our own w/ ideas, and then workshop those ideas at the March meeting

6) EVENTS

a) 2023 plans:

- i) KS - Lesbian Frisbee event still on the table
- ii) Do we want to participate in any of the Prides this year?

- (1) Roanoke Pride in the Park is Sunday, April 30 - \$125 registration for a booth - NO
 - iii) June Pride Picnic (Queer Community Picnic) - YES
 - (1) Next year: have a policy ready for group sponsorships/participation
 - iv) Blacksburg Museum & Cultural Foundation, new exhibit on *Quare Appalachia* opening in fall 2023
 - (1) We're open to peer-reviewing material; we'd like a representative to come to the March meeting and explain it more
 - v) Co-sponsor events at Roanoke College?
 - (1) Dr. Jake Newsome talk on queer Holocaust history & memory, Wed, Feb. 10, 6pm
 - (a) Promote, but don't co-sponsor
 - (2) Black in Appalachia presentation, Tues, Mar. 21, 7pm
 - (a) Promote, but don't co-sponsor
 - vi) Bar Crawl - tentatively April 28th?
 - (1) KS will lead; GSR support
- 7) TRANS WELLNESS FUND - GSR
- a) Proposal to create a Trans Wellness Fund. Review the proposal here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pCgDMDORB3DVX_yZwhmNqQsnbigTzLPdSap9OILbJ_c/edit?usp=sharing
 - i) Create committee - 3 or 5 people (**5 is ideal**)
 - (1) TD?
 - (2) House of Expression?
 - (3) Five awesome people that are not GSR
 - (a) Make sure there is rural representation, as well as age, race, and class diversity
- 8) NEXT MEETING
- a) March 14, 6pm, Parrott Room