

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
November 14, 2017**

3 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:30pm: YEAR-THREE GOALS

7:00pm: Departure

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- 1) ARCHIVES
 - a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates.
 - b. Digital Archives
 - i. No updates.
- 2) WALKING TOURS
 - a. Downtown Tour
 - i. GR led a Downtown tour guide training on Sunday, November 12, 2pm-4:30pm. Three people attended.
 - b. OSW Tour
 - i. No updates.
 - c. Winter 2018 Tour Schedule
 - i. December 17 – Downtown (Jennie)
 - ii. January 21 – Old Southwest (Taylor)
 - iii. February 18 – Downtown (Morrigan)
 - iv. March 18 – OSW (Rachel)
 - v. April 22 – Downtown (Taylor)
- 3) LGBT LIBRARY
 - a. Grand Reopening event
 - i. January 11, 6pm-8pm @ RDC – date/time approved by the RDC board
 - ii. We can now start planning/promoting this event
 - b. Insurance
- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
 - a. GR is working on publishing the anonymous sex worker interview
- 5) 1980s EXHIBITION
 - a. Community Curation workshops in November:
 - i. Roanoke @ RDC: Monday, November 20, 6pm-8pm
 - ii. Lynchburg @ LDC: Tuesday, November 21, 6pm-8pm

- iii. We need to promote these events---especially to people over the age of 50 who were there!
- 6) VIRGINIA STATE COALITION ON LGBTIQ HISTORY
 - a. Saturday, November 11 gathering in Lynchburg. GR and RB attended.
 - b. We are developing a statewide website
 - c. We are also applying for some statewide / federal grants (Virginia Foundation on the Humanities; National Endowment on the Humanities; Mellon Foundation)
 - d. Each group across the state needs to get its “wish list” items in by December 1, to be incorporated into the grant language.
 - i. GR will send out links to grant guidelines
- 7) ARTS INITIATIVE PROJECTS
 - a. Zine
 - i. The call for submissions deadline for Issue Two is December 1.
 - ii. We’ll be having a Zine making party / printing party on Monday, November 27, 5:30 – 8pm @ Bank building (History Department), Roanoke College
 - b. Historical Marker
 - i. GR just needs to submit the damn thing!

YEAR-THREE GOALS

- 1) QPOC HISTORY
 - a. Southern Equality Fund – overview and next steps
 - i. We have hired three interns!
 - ii. We currently have three people agreed to be on the Advisory Board.
 - iii. GR is working to schedule an early December meet-and-greet for members of the Advisory Board and the Youth Brigade
- 2) HIV/AIDS HISTORY / ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. World AIDS Day / AIDS Awareness Month event in December
 - i. We’ve decided we’d like to do an event at The Park on either Dec. 13 or Dec. 14, 6pm-8pm. We will invite the Drop-In Center to collaborate with us: a history presentation, plus contemporary issues covered by Drop-In Center.
 - 1. GR will message Jason Gilmore at The Park
 - ii. Archives Research: Three of us did two hours of research in the Virginia Room a week ago and compiled notes and photographs about local HIV/AIDS history
 - 1. GR will have their research assistant compile this material into a one-page handout or some sort?
- 3) SOCIAL/FUN EVENTS
 - a. Gay Bowling Night in Winter 2018
 - i. Discuss at December’s meeting
- 4) COLLABORATION

- a. Outreach to local high school & college GSAs
 - i. RB has met with Cave Spring High School; and Community High School. Plan to reach out to Hollins and Virginia Western Community College.
 - b. Outreach / collaboration with local organizations
 - i. Drop-In Center – AIDS Awareness Month event
 - ii. Girls Rock Roanoke
 - 1. Reach out to LeeRay to plan a 1980s concert / dance-off / fashion contest / newsletter distribution / traveling exhibit / 1980s anti-Falwell t-shirts / etc.
- 5) VISIBILITY
- a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals
 - i. Will wait for December meeting for updates
- 6) MEMBERSHIP
- a. Profile our volunteers on social media
 - i. We developed a structure of Q & A for these social media profiles. RB will take the lead in recruiting folks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2pm-4pm = Downtown LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Monday, Nov. 20, 6pm-8pm = 1980s Community Curation Workshop @ Roanoke Diversity Center

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6pm-8pm = 1980s Community Curation Workshop @ Lynchburg Diversity Center

Monday, Nov. 27, 5:30pm-8pm = Zine making party / printing party @ Roanoke College History Department, 223 E. Main Street, Salem

Friday, Dec. 1 = Zine submissions due!

Friday, Dec. 1 = Statewide grants “wish list” due!

Sun., Dec. 3 or Dec. 10 = QTPOC / SEF gathering?

Monday, December 11, 5:30pm-7:30pm = General Meeting of the LGBTQ+ History Project @ Parrott Room, Roanoke Public Library

Wed. or Thurs., December 13 or 14, 6pm-8pm = AIDS Awareness Month event?

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2pm-4pm = Downtown LGBTQ History Walking Tour

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6pm-8pm = LGBT Library Grand Re-Opening @ Roanoke Diversity Center

Week of Jan. 15-19 = QTPOC internships begin

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2pm-4pm = OSW Gayborhood Walking Tour

January / February = 1980s Gay Bowling Night?

January / February = 1980s Music Concert / Dance / Fashion Night?