

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project**  
**General Interest Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library**  
**August 15, 2022**

Attendance: 5

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) ARCHIVES - see LIBRARY for combined updates this time around
- 2) LIBRARY
  - a) Update on graduate intern's summer work & distribution of their final report
  - b) Next steps for archives? Next steps for the library?
    - i) GSR will submit the intern's report to the RDC Board
  - c) Book club status?
    - i) GSR will include a note with the above submitted report that we recommend the Diversity Center run the book club as regular programming and coordinate a volunteer to manage it
- 3) ORAL HISTORIES
  - a) House of Expression oral history interviews - LM
    - i) We may address applying for an SEF grant once we hear back from the House
  - b) On another note, the House of Expression will be collaborating with a Roanoke College class this fall to produce a new episode of our podcast, with a planned Dec. 1 (World AIDS Day) launch
    - i) Suggestion of Ursula's as a location for the launch event?
- 4) 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)
    - ii) Sept walking tour: AS will take video of the tour which KS can use for making a tour highlight reel
  - b) Updates on tour guide training & staffing
    - i) 2 new guides are training for the Downtown tour!
    - ii) We discussed changes to the 2023 tour calendar. Beginning in March offering the Downtown tour once a month AND alternating a second monthly tour between Old Southwest and West Station
  - c) Proposed changes to walking tours - GSR
    - i) Rebranding (or ditching) of West Station tour?
      - (1) We agreed to rename the tour, starting in 2023, "Salem Avenue LGBTQ History Walking Tour"

- ii) Time to revise the Downtown tour?
  - (1) We agreed during the off-season (Dec to March) to conduct a review and revision of the Downtown tour

5) PRIDE 2022 PLANNING

- a) May 1 Pride in the Park: we did not participate
- b) September 'Southwest Virginia Pride' festival: we decided not to participate this year
- c) June Pride Picnic
  - i) Reflections on how it went? What would we change if we did it again?
    - (1) Next year: have a policy ready for group sponsorships/participation

6) EVENTS

- a) How did the Bar Crawl go?
  - i) Rethink the stops next year: Martin's and their cover is bullshit; Front Row is fun! Golden Cactus is closed after 10pm. Possible collab with Food Hut? Consider Billy's and whether they were really comfortable with having us.
- b) Upcoming events this year?
  - i) KS is proposing a Lesbian Frisbee event in Oct or Nov. GSR will get her materials from the 2016 event.
  - ii) History Project 7th anniversary party in September? Only if people are interested in gathering for a social at that time (cake bake-off?)

7) NEXT MEETING

- a) Thursday, October 27, 6pm: KS facilitates. GSR will get her the facilitation guidelines from the 2010s.