

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
March 25, 2019**

6 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: YEAR-FOUR GOALS

6:50pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

7:20pm: Departure

YEAR-FOUR GOALS

- 1) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. No updates
- 2) THE QTPOC PROJECT – Point of Contact: GG
 - a. Next steps are unclear. GG now has control of QTPOC Project facebook page. We will be handing out QTPOC Project literature at Pride in April. No events planned at the moment.
- 3) TRANSGENDER HISTORY
 - a. No updates
- 4) DRAG HISTORY
 - i. History of Drag posterboard idea – Point Person: OM
 1. Begin advertising a blank posterboard in March on social media; “Great Moments in SWVA Drag History”
 2. Ultimately display the board at Pride in the Park in April and crowdsource people’s comments on the board!
- 5) PHYSICAL, MOBILE EXHIBIT
 - a. “The Park at 40” – small exhibit about the night club @ Roanoke College. Will be up in the History Department building through the spring
 - b. Idea for a bigger exhibit – reach out to UU church to see if they would be interested in hosting & funding an exhibit on local LGBTQ history?
- 6) VISIBILITY / ACCESSIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals – point person = OM
 - i. Updates: We have purchased the first round of decals!!!
 - ii. Flyering: We will meet downtown on Saturday, April 13, 2pm to spend an hour or two approaching businesses with our decals and half-page flyers
- 7) MULTI-MEDIA OUTREACH / APRIL 2019 PLANS
 - a. FIRST FRIDAY REUNION weekend / Denim Days commemoration / etc. – April 4-7 – point persons: JB & ND
 - i. Commemoration of Denim Days at Tech, April 4-5 – we’re not involved – GSR will send out updates as they come in

- ii. Gish House Open House & bus tours, Sat., Apr 6
 - 1. We'll be tabling & helping with the tours
 - a. Need to confirm:
 - i. will table and chairs be provided?
 - ii. GSR will set up time to hand off literature and banner to designated tablers
 - iii. L will drop off materials on Saturday afternoon to OM
 - 2. See Google Spreadsheet!
- iii. Documentary film screening at the Grandin, Sun Apr 7
 - 1. We'll be tabling
 - a. Need to confirm:
 - i. Will table and chairs be provided?
 - 2. See Google Spreadsheet!
 - 3. GSR will put up big flyer at the RDC
- iv. LITERATURE / MERCH INVENTORY
 - 1. GSR has tabulated our inventory. We discussed at the meeting. We will:
 - a. Print more Walking Tour brochures
 - b. Print several different issues of Skip Two Periods for distribution
 - c. Print QTPOC Project flyers (30x)
 - b. Possible PRIDE WEEK event, April 11:
 - i. We decided we do not have the capacity to do this
 - c. PRIDE IN THE PARK – April 14
 - i. Confirm w/ people bringing tables, chairs that we have the appropriate number
 - ii. See Google Spreadsheet!
 - d. #MAKEROANOKEQUEERAGAIN BAR CRAWL
 - i. Friday, April 26. GSR showed off mock flyer.
 - ii. GSR will reach out to Downshift re: the crawl. We hope to begin advertising by April 1.
 - e. DIVERSITY CAMP – June 2019
 - i. We discussed ideas. Will propose Gay Olympics workshop based on the Roanoke Valley Women's Retreat. GSR & OM will meet, after Pride, to begin planning this.

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1) ARCHIVES

- a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates
- b. Digital Archives
 - i. We are digitizing *BRLPs*, 1986-1990. Recently finished 1989. Just one more year to go to meet this year's digitization goal.

2) WALKING TOURS

a. Schedule

- i. March 24 – Downtown = ND – Zero attendees
- ii. April 6 (SAT) – special OSW First Friday tours = ND
- iii. May 19 – Downtown = MM
- iv. June TBD – OSW = ND?
- v. July TBD – Downtown = JB?
- vi. August TBD – OSW = ?
- vii. September TBD – Downtown = OM

b. Tour Guide Training

- i. summer 2019

c. REVISIONS TO DOWNTOWN TOUR:

- i. Test-Run of revised tour will be Saturday, April 27, 7pm – 8:30pm

d. West Station Tour – prototype by April?

3) LGBT LIBRARY

a. Volunteer

- i. Cataloging every other Sunday, 1-4pm. Join Gay Library Nonsense FB group for updates.
 1. Next work day is Sunday, March 31st, to prep for the book sale

b. Events

- i. Poetry workshops - Point of Contact: OM
 1. No updates
- ii. Book Fair / Book Sale
 1. Scheduled for Pride, April 14
- iii. Book Club – Point of Contact: OH
 1. The next meeting is April 28th: *The Boys of Fairy Town*

4) ORAL HISTORIES

a. Phase V: Complete

b. Phase VI: Need to recruit FOUR new narrators by the end of the year 2019.

c. Discussed potential future collabs:

- i. Hoot & Holler evening of LGBTQ storytelling?
- ii. Creating a podcast (either one-off or several) based on the oral histories?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 31, 1pm-4pm = last LGBT Library work session before the book sale

Saturday, April 6 = First Friday Reunion, Open House & Bus Tours @ Gish House

Sunday, April 7 = First Friday film screening @ Grandin Theater

Saturday, April 13, 2pm = "Queer History Lives Here" decal walk-around, downtown Roanoke

Sunday, April 14 = Our booth / book sale at Pride in the Park @ Elmwood Park

Monday, April 22, 5:30pm – 7:30pm = Next History Project MEETING! @ Parrott Room, Roanoke Public Library

Friday, April 26, 7pm = 4th Annual #MakeRoanokeQueerAgain Bar Crawl

Saturday, April 27, 7pm = Test-Run of Revised Downtown Walking Tour

Sunday, April 28, 2pm = Book Club meeting, *The Boys of Fairy Town* @ RDC

Sunday, May 19, 2pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

June 17-22 = Diversity Camp @ Craig Springs