

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
November 12, 2018**

5 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:30pm: YEAR-FOUR GOALS

7:30pm: Departure

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- 1) ARCHIVES
 - a. Physical Archives
 - i. No updates
 - b. Digital Archives
 - i. We are digitizing *BRLPs*, 1986-1990
- 2) WALKING TOURS
 - a. Schedule
 - i. December 9 – OSW = GR
 - ii. January 6, 2019 – Downtown = OM
 - iii. February TBD – OSW = ND?
 - iv. March TBD – Downtown = ND?
 - b. Tour Guide Training
 - i. No updates
 - c. Revisions to Downtown Tour – GR working on prototype by January?
 - 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.
 - b. Events
 - i. Poetry workshops follow-up – New Point of Contact: OM
 1. OM & TD will put together a specific proposal with name of workshop series, specific workshops, dates, and advertising plan for our December meeting
 2. Some ideas:
 - a. Naming workshop
 - b. Coming out letters workshop
 - c. Terminology workshop
 - ii. GR's Fall 2018 public history class – Library event will be Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6pm @ RDC

1. We distributed flyers. Everyone should attend!
- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
 - a. Phase IV – QTPOC interviews completed
 - b. Next phase:
 - i. QTPOC oral histories? – no update
 - ii. Spring 2019 interviews – GR’s class – four narrators needed.
GR already has three in mind: RW3; GB; RC; ?
 1. Fourth person should be POC? Reach out to QTPOC Project to recruit narrator
- 5) ARTS INITIATIVE
 - a. Zine Issue Three – launched
 - b. Zine Issue Four – no updates

YEAR-FOUR GOALS

- 1) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. No updates
- 2) THE QTPOC PROJECT
 - a. No updates
- 3) TRANSGENDER HISTORY
 - a. LGBR has cancelled the “Gender-Free Jubilee” event; will replace with an evening fundraiser sometime between X-Mas and New Year’s.
- 4) DRAG HISTORY
 - a. We discussed organizing a Story Circle with former drag performers, former pageant title winners, etc., as the first event in an initiative to learn more about local drag history, houses, etc.
 - i. GR will reach out to JG, BM, MLS, G, P, etc., etc. to try to drum up interest in such a story circle event
 - ii. Where to hold this event?
- 5) PHYSICAL, MOBILE EXHIBIT
 - a. “The Park at 40” – small exhibit about the first decade, c. 1978-1988 @ Roanoke College, currently underway by WSRA
- 6) VISIBILITY / ACCESSIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals
 - i. Next steps:
 1. Add FB and Insta links to website
 2. Designs are finalized. We’re just waiting to print them... Please someone take the lead to finalize the printing order!
 3. OM will take the lead!
- 7) MULTI-MEDIA OUTREACH
 - a. First Friday members are holding a reunion weekend the first weekend in April. It will include:
 - i. Commemoration of Denim Days at Virginia Tech

- ii. Documentary film screening about First Friday, maybe at the Grandin?
- iii. What will our role be? JB will be the contact w/ First Friday:
 - 1. Maybe make First Friday merch to tie-in with events?
 - 2. Maybe help sponsor Grandin theater event?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 27, 6pm = Roanoke College student program @ LGBT Library, Roanoke Diversity Center

Early December = "The Park at 40" small exhibit opening at Roanoke College?

Sunday, December 9, 2pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Sunday, January 6, 2pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

February - April = next round of oral histories; writing workshops at the RDC?

April = First Friday reunion; Pride in the Park?