

Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Interest Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
November 9, 2021

Attendance: 3

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) REVIEW WHAT HAPPENED IN 2021
 - a) Huge turnout at June 2021 Pride events -- both the walking tours & the Pride picnic in Wasena Park
 - b) Revised OSW tour. Relaunched in June
 - c) Tour training - recruited one new tour guide
 - d) Restarted LGBTQ Book Club
 - i) **Action Item:** Maybe plan a social event at 3pm after book club meeting to introduce History Project members w/ Book Club members and vice versa?
 - e) Released podcast episodes 2 and 3
 - f) Finally finished moving the LGBT library into the new RDC
 - g) Had only three meetings. We've lost core members, and haven't really gained any new ones
 - h) House of Expression Ball --- how can we help them with future events? Raise funds for them?
 - i) **Action Item:** LM reach out to PK about how the History Project can materially support the House in 2022
- 2) ARCHIVES
 - a) Two new Community High School students will begin volunteering in the Virginia Room in January to scan in newsletters of the digital archives
- 3) ORAL HISTORIES
 - a) Four narrators lined up for spring 2022 interviews—two rural women; two Black narrators; one trans narrator
- 4) WALKING TOURS
 - a) June 2022 -- we'll offer all three tours in June
 - b) Plan for June 2022 possible Pride Picnic - partner w/ RDC? House of Expression? LGBR?
 - c) **Action Item:** LM & KS & GSR: choose which Sundays you want so that we can make an annual calendar of 2022 walking tours to release in December
- 5) LGBT LIBRARY
 - a) Wish List for the Holidays

- i) **Action Item:** GSR will share Wish List with LM, LA, and AC for review. Give deadline of end of month for feedback & revising the list.
 - ii) **Action Item:** LM makes flyer w/ QR code to place at the RDC about the holiday wish list
 - iii) By December 1st to post the flyer & the wish list so people start donating
- b) Programming - GSR brings up w/ AC
- 6) EVENTS
 - a) n/a
- 7) MERCHANDISE
 - a) Wait on purchasing new hats until closer to 2022 Pride events
 - b) **Action Item:** LM will clean the tub to streamline literature & merch in December
 - c) **Action Item:** GSR will send out email to listserv about asking folks to confirm receipt and check back in
- 8) UPCOMING EVENTS
 - a) Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, 5:30pm. LM will lead the meeting & reserve the room.
 - b) Sunday, Nov. 14, 2pm: 'Before West Station' LGBTQ Walking Tour
 - c) Sunday, Nov. 28, 2pm: LGBTQ Book Club, *Detransition, Baby*
 - d) Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6:30pm: Book Launch for *Living Queer History*