

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
January 28, 2019**

6 people in attendance

AGENDA

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:40pm: 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. February 24 – OSW = ND
 - ii. March 24 – Downtown = ND
 - iii. April 6 (SAT) – special OSW First Friday tours = JB/ND?
 - iv. May TBD – Downtown = MM?
 - v. June TBD – OSW = ND?
 - vi. July TBD – Downtown = JB?
- b. Tour Guide Training
 - i. summer 2019
- c. REVISIONS TO DOWNTOWN TOUR:
 - i. GR has sent out the tour script to the listserv for review
 - ii. Test-run of revised tour scheduled for Sunday, April 28
- 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 – Point of Contact: OM
 - 1. First workshop on Trans Naming went really well. About one dozen people attended.
 - 2. No date yet for the next workshop, focused on Coming Out Letters.
 - ii. Book Fair / Book Sale – no updates
 - iii. Book Club – Point of Contact: OH

1. OH shared a template for the book club. GR will make a Facebook poll to vote on the first book.
 2. The first book club meeting will be Sunday, March 10th @ the LGBT Library.
- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
- a. Next phase (Phase V):
 - i. Spring 2019 interviews – GR’s class – four narrators needed: RW3; GB; RC; C
 - ii. We also have a fifth narrator lined up as an alternate, or perhaps a QTPOC Project interview

YEAR-FOUR GOALS

- 1) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES
 - a. No updates
- 2) THE QTPOC PROJECT
 - a. We are looking to re-jumpstart the QTPOC Project. GG & GR will co-facilitate a new meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 19, 6pm @ Mill Mountain Coffee House downtown. GG will reach out to older QTPOC folks; GR will reach out to students and young folks.
- 3) TRANSGENDER HISTORY
 - a. No updates
- 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. The Park’s 40th anniversary has passed; so that’s no longer a tie-in
 - ii. History of Drag posterboard idea:
 1. Begin advertising a blank posterboard in February on social media; invite local folks to contribute materials to populate the board.
 2. Ultimately display the board at Pride in the Park in April
- 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 winter
- 6) VISIBILITY / ACCESSIBILITY
 - a. “Queer History Lives Here” QR code decals – point person = OM
 - i. Updates: OM showed up new design prototypes. OM will update the agreed-upon design and send out to the entire listserv for one last review.
 - ii. Then we’ll raise money, print the decals, and put them up around town!
- 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, April 4-5
 - 1. History Project is not involved
 - ii. Gish House Open House & walking tours, Sat, April 6
 - 1. We are tabling at the Gish House – need volunteers
 - 2. We will help with two walking/driving tours of OSW – JB/ND?
 - iii. Documentary film screening about First Friday, at the Grandin on Sunday, April 7
 - 1. We are tabling in the Grandin Theater lobby – need volunteers
 - iv. GR will create a volunteer sign-up spreadsheet for the weekend
- b. Pride in the Park, April 13-14
 - i. We will register for both days
 - ii. GR will make a volunteer sign-up spreadsheet for the weekend
- c. Plowshares group wants to do a screening of the film “Pride” in February. We will consider ways to partner with them on this.
- d. Do we want to do the fourth #MakeRoanokeQueerAgain Bar Crawl in late April, as usual? Or no?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 19, 6pm = QTPOC Project meeting @ Mill Mountain Coffee House, downtown Roanoke

Sunday, February 24, 2pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Monday, February 25, 5:30pm – 7:30pm = Our next History Project MEETING! @ Parrott Room, Roanoke Public Library

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

Sunday, March 10, 1pm(?) = First LGBTQ Book Club meeting @ LGBT Library!

Sunday, March 24, 2pm = Downtown Roanoke LGBTQ History Walking Tour

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

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

Sat-Sun, April 13-14 = Pride in the Park @ Elmwood Park

Sunday, April 28, 2pm = Test-Run of Revised Downtown walking tour