

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project  
General Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library  
December 17, 2018**

6 people in attendance

**AGENDA**

6pm: Check-ins

6:05pm: ONGOING INITIATIVES

6:35pm: 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. January 6 – Downtown = OM
  - ii. February 24 – OSW = ND
  - iii. March 24 – Downtown = ND
  - iv. April TBD – OSW = GR
  - v. May TBD – Downtown = MM?
  - vi. Special tour for First Friday folks in early April, focused on lesbian / women’s history? = JB is the point person
- b. Tour Guide Training
  - i. summer 2019
- 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 – 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
  - 3. UPDATE: First workshop is proposed for Friday, January 25.... Need to advertise and plan!
- 4) ORAL HISTORIES
  - a. Phase IV – QTPOC interviews completed
  - b. Next phase:
    - i. Spring 2019 interviews – GR’s class – four narrators needed: RW3; GB; RC; C
- 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 fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 28, evening @ UU. History Project is not involved.
- 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. Tie in with Park’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans. GR will reach out to JG
- 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 is working on prototype of a new design
- 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:
    - iv. Updates:
      - 1. History Project would like to be integrated with the documentary screening
      - 2. We host the screening

3. Table out front with copies of *STP*; lesbian herstory-themed merch
  4. We facilitate a Q&A at the end of the screening
  5. Quarter-sheet flyers point people towards the lesbian oral herstories in our collection, and *STPs* in the digital archive
- b. Plowshares group wants to do a screening of the film “Pride” in February. We will consider ways to partner with them on this.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Friday, January 25, time TBA = first writing workshop at the RDC?

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

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

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

Early April = First Friday reunion; Pride in the Park?