

Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
Meeting at the Roanoke Public Libraries
October 7, 2024

1) ARCHIVES

- a) Work is slowing to a stop for now as we have diminishing access to Roanoke College digital archives - possibly circle back to establishing new internships at Hollins (contact DM)
 - i) If anyone wants to work on digitization, VA room would be open to it- where do digital files go (since all current files live on RC JSTOR)?
 - ii) Connect future digitizers with digital librarian at Roanoke College
- b) Physical archives at Library available, digitized 95% of newsletters

2) ORAL HISTORIES

- a) Next steps?
 - i) Nothing currently planned
 - ii) Need to delete PK interview & correct the subject index

3) PODCAST

- a) Episode 8 with Washington & Lee students in Fall 2024 - plan for release event first week of Dec in Lexington
 - i) Focus on stories from Rockbridge County in early 2000's (RCHS, W&L)
 - ii) Promote event at Rockbridge Pride 10/26

4) WALKING TOURS

- a) Upcoming - 10/20 OSW, GSR leading
- b) 11/10 Downtown - KS
- c) Numbers have been very low this year

5) TRANS WELLNESS FUND

- a) Updates:
 - i) As of September 2024:
 - ii) Money distributed: \$2,950
 - iii) Money remaining: \$233
 - iv) Total applications received: 142
 - v) Total awardees: 11
 - vi) Percentage, BIPOC awardees: 73%
- b) New donation web page launched: <https://swvalgbtqhhistory.org/donate/>
- c) First application cycle under donation model ended June 30
- d) Status on committee decisions, next round of funding
 - i) GSR added royalties in, so \$600-700
 - ii) 13 applicants for this round of funding
 - iii) Committee meeting later this month

- iv) Donations were strong at first, but have tapered off without continual publicity

6) EVENTS

- a) Bar crawl will likely be strong next year (Second Friday possibly assist)
- b) 2Continue grassroots collaborative potluck nature of the community picnic
- c) 10th Anniversary History Project ideas
 - i) Zine
 - (1) Take submissions over winter, layout in spring for printing by May/June
 - ii) 10th Anniversary Bash
 - (1) Combine with picnic- zine, birthday cake, invite elders
 - (2) SAVE THE DATE: 06/17/2025
 - (3) Ask City for 10th Anniversary Proclamation

7) ROANOKE COLLEGE DIVORCE

- a) Next steps (not urgent) to look into preserving our digital archives materials (PDFs and metadata) off of RC platforms so that it can be used in a different, future setting if desired

8) FUTURE PLANS 2025:

- a) offer private walking tours only;
- b) 2F takes over bar crawl;
- c) After 10th Anniversary/ 5th year picnic bash, talk to community partners about desire to continue the tradition
- d) maintain & preserve access to archives/oral histories/website
- e) Talk to LGBR about taking over Trans Wellness Fund

9) NEXT MEETING?

- a) Email update in Dec re:zine
- b) In-person meeting in March (zine party)
- c) No 2025 monthly tour schedule (consider public tours as special events, TBD)