

Hollins Working Group on Slavery and Its Contemporary Legacies

Minutes for Meeting May 9

Present: Jon Bohland, Idella Glenn, Maria Jdid, Jenine Culligan, Courtney Chenette, Amy Dixon, Rebecca Rosen, Bill Krause, Maryke Barber, Beth Harris, Brittney Flowers.

Action items:

- Meeting May 20, 10 a.m. to go over our presentation.
- Jon will start Google Slides set; everyone please add your part.
- Meeting with/presenting to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, May 29, at 2:15 p.m.

Alum Story

Idella was approached by an alum who graduated in the 70s and remembers the Hollins Community being without running water. She also remembers students standing up and promising to help – then failing to do so when the time came. This alum would like to assist now; Idella suggested to the group that we might want to recommend she work with others from her year to raise funds for the sign for the First Baptist Church. The group concurred. We are still working with the administration on funding for a quote which includes an electronic sign, brick base, and electrical work.

Board Meeting Presentation

Jon and Idella have met with President Lawrence to propose a full-time position for Brittney, who would be working on research and community engagement (campus community and Hollins community). Our presentation to the Board will hopefully reinforce this proposal as a way for the university to invest in sustainability for our work. Hollins could also position itself as a leader by establishing best practices for other institutions involved in USS. Elements of the presentation:

- Students talking about their experience with the Short Term course and/or the Field School.
- Brittney talking about her research work.
- Apology
- Projects
- Other?

Amy suggested making the point that this work helps students form a closer bond with the Roanoke community by getting them interested in local history; Courtney suggested including information about other institutions' work in these areas. Rebecca suggested inviting the Hollins community to be involved in this presentation/conversation.

Green Ridge Church Graveyard

Idella has spoken to Rev. Saunders about partnering with Ebenezer Baptist Church. Bill mentioned a model for restoration in Hillsborough, NC: this cemetery has been restored as open green space, and was opened with a ceremony. There is signage with known names and historical information.

Announcements: Jon announced the Short Term course is on the books for a repeat in January 2020.