

Hollins Working Group on Slavery and Its Contemporary Legacies

Minutes for Meeting Apr. 7, 2020

Present: Idella Glenn, Rebecca Rosen, Jenine Culligan, Bill Krause, Maryke Barber, Beth Harris, Jeri Suarez, Ashleigh Breske, Karen Callaway

Upcoming Meetings: are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, at noon.

Action Items:

- “Unveiling the Past” exhibit will be linked from the WG website and posted on my.hollins (Maryke)
- Deadline for newsletter articles: please get drafts and images to Jasmine (carterja1@hollins.edu) by April 29.

Brainstorming initiatives that can go digital:

- Can Brittney Flowers’ research be made digitally available? Is any documentation available from her work as a fellow?
- Exhibit website – Ashleigh’s students have almost completed descriptions for their objects. Photos of the objects along with their text will be available as a web exhibit, created in collaboration with the Museum staff. The exhibit, titled “Unveiling the Past: Reckoning with Our History of Enslavement” will be made live online.
- Other possibilities:
 - Public art (unused \$6K fund)
 - Connecting with Hollins Community about initiatives and the scholarship at a time when we can’t do an in-person

Apology

- Rebecca will investigate the following possibilities:
 - Faculty meeting
 - Arranging Staff/Faculty and Student Zoom listening sessions
 - Arranging Zoom meetings with Pres. Gray and Hinton
 - Standardizing language and materials to be used with all the above

USS Next Meeting:

- Currently planned for October at Guilford College

Updates on ongoing projects:

- Newsletter and social media outreach (Maryke, Idella, Makda, Jasmine): faculty and students are busy with online instruction. It was decided to delay the newsletter and release it online on May 15.
- Cemetery project (Bill, Courtney): Ownership still needs to be established officially with Roanoke County. Visiting the courthouse in-person is not possible at the moment; Bill will ask for help from state/county contacts.
- Signage for First Baptist (Idella): Another permit was needed, it has been applied for. The sign will be a marquee outside the church for announcements; the structure will include a plaque describing the relationship between the church and the university.

A suggestion was made about whether Hollins First Baptist, Ebenezer, and Mount Moriah would be eligible/interested in historical markers: this is to be added to the list of potential future projects.

- Scholarship—forms and publicity: Two concerns remain with the current application: currently set down as full tuition, the scholarship does not include room and board. Also, requirements for documentation of descendant status need to be further developed.

Jeri will look into whether there is archival documentation of the initial scholarship, set up some time in 2002-2004 (we believe further development stalled with the death of President Nora Kizer Bell). Any suggested changes will be run by this group, then submitted to Admissions/Financial Aid.

Discussion with the Hollins Community is needed: is anyone aware of the scholarship, how can we raise awareness and assist those interested in accessing the opportunity? Jeri and Karen suggested having a discussion with Reverend Saunders and Minister Carter.