

Hollins Working Group on Slavery and Its Contemporary Legacies

Minutes for Meeting, May 7, 2020

Present: Idella Glenn, Rebecca Rosen, Jenine Culligan, Bill Krause, Jasmine Carter, Ashleigh Breske, Courtney Chenette, China Moore, Jon Bohland, Maryke Barber

Next Meeting: June, TBA

Action Items:

- Send text (Jon, Bill) and images (Jon, Idella, Jenine) to Jasmine for the newsletter draft.
- Everyone, please send any edits you have for the draft text (emailed out by Jasmine on May 5).

Apology

- There may be an announcement at the May 12 faculty meeting; Rebecca is waiting for confirmation.
- At the June meeting we will discuss standardized language about the apology for future meetings, listening sessions, etc.
- There is interest in creating the opportunity for a more detailed discussion with faculty during the summer (virtual & synchronous). Rather than using our specific draft, we could use examples from other institutions; this would keep the discussion focused on purpose and meaning, and leave space for attendees to offer new ideas.
- Rebecca and Courtney had a meeting with administration about funding for future initiatives. Next year will prove very difficult for Hollins due to losses caused by the pandemic, and current interest is primarily in projects which will not require any financial commitment. Rather, it would help for us to organize suggestions by levels of funding. We could prioritize those items which only require the contribution of labor, and clarify in our language which (financial) commitments are items for Hollins to aspire to in the future.

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Currently planned for October at Guilford College.

Updates on ongoing projects:

- Newsletter/social media outreach (Maryke, Idella, Makda, Jasmine): the newsletter will go up as a "News" page on our website, as soon as all materials have been turned in to Jasmine and edited.

- Cemetery project: Bill & Courtney reported they are waiting to hear back from Roanoke County about resolving ownership for the land. It may be a while, since county services and the availability of employees have been reduced by the pandemic.
- Signage for First Baptist – Idella reported the project has received the final permit!
- Museum exhibit – Ashleigh and Jenine reported the exhibit is up, linked from the Museum and Working Group websites, and can stay up indefinitely. Congratulations to everyone who worked on this!
- Scholarship—forms and publicity: *deferred until June meeting.*

Future initiatives (AY 2020-21): ideas and gauging interest

- Mentorship program: *deferred until June meeting.*
- Public art commission (using existing \$6K fund) – Rebecca and Jenine are interested in working on this project; Idella also suggested contacting Makda.
- Summer projects: there is interest in summer offerings which will help the university generate income. Courtney is working on a hybrid course on human rights in which a local focus could include the topic of enslaved workers at Hollins. Alison Ridley is looking for work projects for any students remaining on campus this summer; Jon may have a connection with a book project.