Working Group on Slavery Meeting Minutes: 10/29/2021

Start Time: 12:00pm

- Decided on who would take meeting minutes: Kait volunteered as newbie

- Introductions

**Updates:**

*Leading Edge Day Conference in February 24th - 25th (2 days): What Should We Do?*

- Museum putting in a couple of proposals that are museum related/ not Working Group related
- General one to provide updates – over next couple of months define it a little bit more – need presence at conference.
- Discuss what came out of the listening sessions – tell people about the task force (where is renaming going, etc...)
- Maryke putting together a plan for what we are going to do/discuss

- Proposals are asked to be extended to November 8th

Leading Edge last year – asked to produce a land acknowledgement and historical acknowledgement to open proceedings – now on our website (put on homepage)/Nakeshia will get to it around November: [https://wgscl.press.hollins.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2021/01/Land-Acknowledgement-and-Historical-Acknowledgement-for-Leading-EDJ-Day.pdf](https://wgscl.press.hollins.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2021/01/Land-Acknowledgement-and-Historical-Acknowledgement-for-Leading-EDJ-Day.pdf)

- Dance department going to use the language from the website in upcoming program

**Questions about contacting Ebenezer: is there anyway that the pastor here could make the connection with Ebenezer?**

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- Bill spoke to President Hinton about dilemma we have now – she said she would approach someone in the Ebenezer Church to follow up (pandemic interrupted...etc...)
- Karen: Contacting Reverend Carter about connecting Hollins and Ebenezer – Bill will contact her
- Get conversation going again in more earnestness
- Follow up with Jon/Jon has not been able to connect with his colleagues yet

**Karen and Jeri met about scholarship – made edits to the form on the website**

- Remove the word “Oldfields” – want to be acknowledged as the Hollins Community
- Remove the word “enslaved” – work on different term – maybe something like “descendants of” – Karen and Jeri will keep working on this (something that will speak to all audiences)
- To go along with the documents – doesn’t see where tax documents will serve a purpose into knowing ancestors
- Cut back on documentation to prove you have link with a family member of Hollins
- Simplify the process for exploration – ongoing – should be updated

- First Baptist: helped celebrate accomplishment anniversary – Hollins Working Group well represented

- Taskforce:
  - First Meeting: organizational – giving people a view of where the process might go – first charge is to come up with criteria to consider existing building names.
  - Figuring out best practices – brainstorming process
  - Update to the Hollins community in January?
  - Next meeting will be set in a week or so
  - Hoping to provide a series of resources for people to read – hoping to provide opportunities for more people to get engaged and involved.
  - Setting up Google doc for people to contribute ideas

Conclusion: No questions or concerns