

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>

-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?

--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