

GSC Historical Preservation Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 5, 2021

President's Home

10:00 A.M.

**Attendees:**

Leslee Coffman, via TEAMS

Conner Ferguson

Jason Gum

Keelin Howes

Gigi Manchin

Teresa Sterns

Jasmine Tarman

Tisha Underwood

**Absent:**

Fairan Gill

1. Call to Order – Jason Gum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. Purpose of Committee Discussion
  - The Committee will discuss and take action on various grants to submit through the Department of Arts, Culture, and History's State Historic Preservation Office.
  - The goal of the Committee is to utilize awarded grant funds to preserve, repair, update, etc. Glenville State College's historic buildings that are included on the National Registry for Historic Places.
3. Department of Arts, Culture and History's State Historic Preservation Office Overview
  - The mission of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History is to identify, preserve, protect, promote and present the ideas, arts and artifacts of West Virginia's heritage. Curator Randall Reid-Smith will participate in Committee meetings as necessary.

Mrs. Manchin indicated that Mr. Reid-Smith requested to hire a student intern from Glenville State College to assist in the Department of Arts, Culture, and History office during summer 2021. The student should be a junior.

Jason Gum will contact students from his grant writing class, the GSC Appalachian Studies Program, and Leslee Coffman's Non-Profit Committee regarding their interest in applying for the internship and/or participating in GSC Historical Preservation Committee projects.

4. Membership – The below members were assigned to the Committee.
  - Chairman – Presidential Appointment – First Lady Gigi Manchin
  - Vice-Chair – Library Director, Jason Gum
  - Secretary – Executive Assistant/President's Office, Teresa Sterns
  - Member - Alumni Director, Conner Ferguson
  - Member - Library Archival Assistant, Tisha Underwood
  - Member - SGA President, Jasmine Tarman
  - Member - History and Political Science Major and Intern for Dept. of Arts, Culture, & History, Fairan Gill
  - Member - Honors Student, Leslee Coffman
  - Member - Social Sciences Education (History) Major, Keelin Howes

Jason will invite the following individuals to participate on the Committee:

- Member - Vice President for Administration, Rita Helmick
- Participation in Alumni Center Projects Only: Alumni Council President, Maureen Gildein and President Elect, Doug Patterson

5. Develop ad hoc Committee for By-Laws

Jason Gum explained that by-laws should be developed as a guidance for the Committee and provided examples of various by-laws for review. The following volunteered to serve on the By-laws Ad Hoc Committee:

- Jason Gum
- Jasmine Tarman
- Leslee Coffman

The Committee will prepare draft by-laws and submit to the main committee to review and possibly take action at its next meeting.

6. Develop ad hoc Committee for National Register of Historic Places

Mrs. Manchin reported that prior to submitting grant applications to repair, update, etc. old buildings, the building(s) must be placed on the historic registry. She further announced that Commissioner Reid-Smith would like GSC to add a couple more buildings to the Registry.

Jason Gum will contact Fairan Gill and request she prepare and submit the documents for GSC's Clark Hall and Harry B. Heflin Administration Building as soon as possible.

The following were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee for National Register of Historic Places:

- Rita Helmick
- Fairan Gill

7. Open Discussion of Structures for the Register

- The Alumni Center (John E. Arbuckle House) and President's Home have been added to the Registry.
- Clark Hall, Harry B. Heflin Administration Building, and the Hardman House were discussed to add to the Registry.

8. Grants Discussion

Jason Gum provided a draft preservation grant proposal to upgrade the basement of the Robert F. Kidd Library for review.

9. Alumni House (John E. Arbuckle Home) Application

Conner Ferguson discussed and shared information regarding the Historic Revitalization Grant that was submitted in January 2020 for assistance to repair and replace ceilings and porches at the Alumni Center and asbestos abatement. \$9,240 of the \$27,470 requested was awarded in November 2020 from the Department of Arts, Culture and History to assist with the projects. The roof of the Center is slated to be completed in spring 2021. The Alumni Council requested that Conner re-submit the grant again this year.

Jason Gum discussed a State Development Grant that he would like to submit and include the information Conner previously submitted for the historic preservation grant. He further requested that in-kind expenses should be included in the proposal as part of the match funding.

10. Develop ad hoc Committee for initial grant proposal - The following volunteered to sit on the Grant Proposal Ad Hoc Committee:

- Jason Gum
- Conner Ferguson
- Leslee Coffman
- Keelin Howes
- Jasmine Tarman

11. Set next meeting

- Next meeting was set for 10:00 am on Monday, January 25, 2021 at the President's Home. Jason Gum will send meeting invites to the Committee.

12. Adjourned at 10:47 am.