

Heritage Committee (full meeting), March 14, 2017

Present: Ernie Zulia, Sheyonn Baker, Maryke Barber, Brittney Flowers, Jon Bohland, Jean Fallon, Beth Harris, Felicity Mampe, Jerri Suarez, Jeffery Bullock, Bill Krause.

Absent: Nick Miller, Shelbie Wahl-Fouts.

- Hollins Day: Based on the feedback received by committee members and President Gray, Hollins Day was well received. Jeffery offered a discussion about the need to commit long-term to having this event include an inclusive conversation about Hollins' full history – just as there is a long-term commitment to inviting the Cocke family to attend. Jon noted that next year's event will likely be organized around President Lawrence's inauguration. It was suggested that the committee prepare a formal statement to suggest that in future years, Hollins Day should:
 - Not be renamed to Founder's (or Founders') day.
 - Be focused on a variety of themes from Hollins history, along with the sharing of new research.
 - Promote open engagement with our past by discussing Hollins history from a perspective of diversity and inclusivity.
- Memorial: The Cocke family has generously offered a donation toward a memorial. Along with other commitments, funds currently stand at approximately \$10,000. Jon suggested and members agreed that the committee shall recommend the formation of a group specifically charged with investigating options and the process for commissioning a memorial. The group should include members of Heritage Committee, as well as people from the Hollins and Roanoke communities with knowledge of public art and memorialization.
- Walking Tour and Event with the Hollins Community: Best time was determined to be late April or May; Ernie suggested coordinating with the reading of *African Violets*, which will be Friday, April 21. Brittney will work on setting a date; all committee members are encouraged to support and attend.
- Invitation to Jody Allen: It is not yet known whether Jody Allen's visit and workshop can be rescheduled. Jon will try, possible for the same period in April mentioned above.
- Georgetown USS Conference: Beth, Bill and Brittney are hoping to attend, along with Idella Glenn. Jon expressed the hope that members attending would bring back any information available about the planning of memorials.
- Continued Archival Work: Jon shared that along with compliments for Hollins Day, people have been asking whether the committee can share our research. Maryke offered, and it was agreed that the text and slides from the "Voices from Our Past" should be posted on the committee's

website. Jeffery suggested that there needs to be a sustained approach to research by a trained historian, which can then result in appropriate and thoughtful sharing of our history (as opposed to simply posting committee presentation slides). Others agreed, discussing hopes that the new position in the History department will have a focus aligned with the committee's research goals, and be able to be involved with this process. Maryke asked whether there will be a provision for the new faculty member to have time to work on archival research of this nature; others suggested recommending a course release. It was suggested that the video from Hollins Day also be posted online, but Maryke cautioned that releases had not been obtained from any of the participants in the Voices section. Bill also noted that copyright clearance would have to be obtained for the incidental music used in the program.

- Other business: Ernie reminded all to support and attend the reading of *African Violets* on April 21; he also asked for names of any trained local actors who might be available to read. Jeri and others offered to help advertise the reading. Maryke asked whether we could set up a rotation for taking minutes at meetings, to ensure prompt posting on the committee's website. This was agreed to.