

Approved, January 24, 2008

SENYLRC
Digital Advisory Committee
DATE: December 6, 2007
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Attending Members: John Ansley; Bob Clark; James Cosgrove; Morgan Gwenwald; Jerry Henry; Ron Patkus; Clifton Patrick; Chris Pryslopsi; Susan Stessin-Cohn; Laurie Shedrick & Helene Tieger

Attending SENLYRC Staff: John Shaloiko; Tessa Killian & Jennifer Palmentiero

Excused: Sally Pellegrini, Jeff Katz

Meeting commenced at 10:05. Introductions and a welcome of new member Susan Stessin-Cohn, as well as the circulation of a parting letter from former member Eric Roth took place.

Minutes: A correction in spelling was made (“location filed” should have been “location field”) was noted by Mr. Cosgrove.

A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Clifton Patrick, a second by Jim Cosgrove and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

- **Homepage redesign-**Committee discussed the possibility of acquiring pictures that could be used on the homepage. The committee chose to cull images from the collections. Seasonal selections were discussed. It will be determined later if this can be supported.
- **LSTA Grants-**LSTA will be funding a statewide project rather than local projects. A 2 year plan to digitize statewide historical newspapers will be administered by the 3Rs.
- **Collaboration with Sound and Story-** A possible collaboration with Sound & Story’s audio project was discussed. The committee asked that more clarification of the intent and content be gathered for discussion at the next meeting.
- **New Contributors-**SENYLRC staff discussed the success of this year’s workshops and the new contributors that came from them, include Greene County Library Association, Ellenville Public Library and Museum, Cragsmoor Free Library, and Dutchess Community College. Existing members that had new staff trained, include: The Woodstock Library, the Consortium of Rhinebeck History and the Hudson Area Library
- **Users Group-**The first meeting of the HVRH contributors met. A list of future topics was distributed. Participants were pleased with the meeting’s outcome.

- **LSTA Project**-Susan reported that her project is nearly finished. The curriculum connection *The Missing Chapter: untold stories of the African American presence in the Hudson Valley* will soon be available, providing curriculum materials based upon the New York State curriculum, using materials from local collections and materials in HRVH.

Discussion and Planning

- **Regional themes for HRVH** – Themes drafted by the DAC working group were discussed. They will be retooled as a “Most Wanted” list and will be presented at the next DAC meeting for comparison with the topics list.
- **Grants from HRVH & SENYLRC**-The committee discussed how future grants would be distributed. John outlined a plan to fund “quality” projects that would enhance the overall content of HRVH. Beers atlases were discussed as a possible project for digitizing. Tessa will research how available they are in other places and what format they are presented in.

Next Meeting date: January 24, 2008

Meeting Adjourned 12:10 pm

Recorder: Laurie Shedrick