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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY June 6, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Joe Buchman

Other

Attendees: Marshall Beerwinkle, Andrew Martin Kolstee; David Demarest and Ben Leder joined the meeting about midway through

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records of Past Meetings: The summary from May 9 was approved with some corrections previously submitted.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth are working on the material on and off until the convention. There may or may not be time to implement the idea of pulling out some duplicate items for distribution at the convention.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman is still planning to bring a few items to the convention for display.

Categories: Caryn Ann has been working on adding tags to existing biography articles; she is now up to "M" and hopes to get through "Z" by the convention. Although the basic category tree exists for everything, she has been mostly working on biographies and there is still a lot of work to be done on other types of articles.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn added some notes about the difference between biographical articles and user pages.

LP News Uploading: On hold until after the convention.

Audio/Video Tapes: On hold until after the convention.



Lyrasis: Caryn Ann is expecting the most recent batch of scans to arrive within the next day.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe Dehn and James Gholston are continuing to think about what sort of articles to feature, with emphasis on picking ones that are good examples of what we would like to see in that type of article. Several biography articles that contain a lot of information were mentioned as possibilities. They also suggested rotating among examples of articles about different kinds of subjects, e..g, a person, an event, a document, an organization. Joe Dehn said we should avoid featuring an article on anybody who might be running for anything at the upcoming convention.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Joe Buchman is planning to bring a laptop and flatbed scanner that can be used if people bring things to be scanned. Caryn Ann suggested we could also demonstrate scanning using a smart-phone app. There was discussion of when various members of the committee would be arriving. There was discussion of whether money should be allocated in advance for “surprise expenses” during the convention; the consensus was that this was not necessary. There is still room in the button display case for many more buttons; Joe Buchman is hoping to be able to bring some from the DNA.

James Gholston is working on a project to produce replicas of historical buttons which could be handed out at our booth, and solicited opinions on which ones would be most worth producing. There was discussion of the need to make clear that these are reproductions; just telling people at the booth that they are not actual historical items is not good enough because after somebody takes them home there could be confusion. There was discussion of ways to label the buttons themselves, either by adding some small text around the edge or at the bottom, or by creating a new design that incorporates the historical design augmented by some feature that makes it obvious that it was produced more recently. James Gholston suggested that a non-removable label on the back could serve this purpose. On the question of which designs to produce, Hospers/Nathan and Libersign/TANSTAAFL seemed to have the most appeal.



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Caryn Ann presented two ideas for displaying the historical bumper stickers. She was authorized, without objection, to spend up to \$100 to buy a foldable hanging display and a ledger-size binder with mounting supplies. These would be also be used to store the stickers between events.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler provided a brief update on articles that were most frequently viewed recently.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Joe Dehn sent Bonnie Scott another message to see if she can help with this.

Get Started Guide: James Gholston suggested adding a guide for people who have some historical material, either things that could be scanned or video, and want to know how to get started. Joe Dehn said there is already an article about contributing text material and he had started working on but never completed one for recordings. Marshall Beerwinkle cited recordings he has of C-SPAN coverage of our conventions. Joe Dehn said we should check to see if C-SPAN already has those programs online, but even if they do they may have been edited differently from how the event was presented live so recordings of the actual broadcasts might also be of interest. Joe Dehn suggested that Marshall could serve as a guinea pig for additional “get started” material. Marshall will also check his back copies of LP News to see if he has any of the “wanted” issues; he also has articles from various magazines about some of our early candidates, and some very old posters.

Next meeting: Ed confirmed that he still loves us guys. The next meeting was set for June 20, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm Mountain.