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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY MAY 9, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

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

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm (one hour later than normal start time). Prior minutes were reviewed and corrected. Ed Fochler retroactively loves us guys from the last meeting.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records Archive Update: Sarah Ellsworth was able to go back down last week and will be able to sporadically hit some weekends that I miss due to attendance at conventions.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman is getting some things together to bring to convention (including the lost bag of buttons). Caryn Ann Harlos and Nick Sarwark visited his home and viewed the collection that is now in file cabinets. Joe B. still needs to scan items that he promised to get back to Elizabeth Nolan.

Wiki Series: The prior discussion on the potential to use “series” collections was reprised with Andrew Kolstee. One example of a collection was given of the David Nolan Collection and perhaps a series such as “Women in the LP” or “LGBT.” It is a way to tell a story to keep people clicking through on the site. It would function very much like a category but would have a special box (similar to the infobox and succession boxes but residing on the right side). The types of things that would be in a collection or series that are ones that cross over categories or are a very special draw to entice novice users to continue looking at material on the site. Right now we don’t have enough material uploaded to do this, it is just an idea that may develop organically along the way as we add material.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn added naming policy clarifications.



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LPNews Uploading: Caryn Ann will be getting with Michael Fucci once her life settles down a bit.

Audio/Video Tapes: Nothing at this time.

Next Lyrasis Scanning Job: Lyrasis provided a status that the job has been 100% scanned and is moving into quality control with a mid-June anticipated completion date.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe Dehn expressed concerns with the naming of uploaded photographs that are a bit too generic. He noted that the Manual of Style specifically recommends against file names that consist of just a single component, such as only a person's name Andrew Kolstee clarified that the ones he has been uploading have been used for the biography infobox. This will likely be something that we will need to train regular users to do and thus is a learning curve issue. Caryn Ann clarified the uploads that she is patrolling are the items that are not pictures, and she has not been touching pictures. Andrew K. was thinking about whether or not an image template could be pre-populated into the uploading process.

We need to change out the featured article more regularly. James Gholston inquired whether a detailed county party article would be appropriate, and he was told that it would be.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Caryn Ann is speaking with Keith Thompson about items he is working on such as t-shirts and graphics. Joe B. spoke about having an invitation for people to bring items to have us scan while we are there and also to look forward to the 50th Anniversary convention at which we might want to have an actual "museum" display. Joe D. passed out a flyer at the California convention asking folks if they had any items and received one response. Joe B. will be bringing his laptop and scanner. We need to advertise with reasonable expectations so that people do not bring items by the boxful. It would also be fun to actually scan items into LPedia while we are there.

New York Records Archive: These are in the process of being organized. There are some very interesting items such as the very first minutes from 1972 and signed



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by Ed Clark. He will have a better idea of what is in the collection by second week of June.

Elizabeth Nolan Written Copyright Waiver: Joe B. is reluctant to ask her for anything until he gives her the items that he promised to scan for her.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Bonnie Scott saw that we were working on this (and referenced a Perl script) and offered potential assistance. Joe B. noted that the older programs no longer work as Yahoo changed the way it maintains its groups. He has manually captured each of the David Nolan messages in the LPRadicals group. Joe D. also searched and could not find a straightforward solution. Joe D. will follow up with Bonnie as that might be our best bet; otherwise, we might need to recruit volunteers to brute-force capture the messages in blocks of years.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler noted that the invitation is still open to view the Google analytics information via a Google invitation.

Volunteers: Caryn Ann will be putting out another call for volunteers when she has time to properly train.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for May 23, 2018 at 4pm Mountain. And it has been confirmed that Ed still loves us guys.