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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY June 21, 2017

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

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

Member

Attendees: Chuck Moulton, Andrew Martin Kolstee

Meeting was called to order at just over 4:00pm. The Agenda was approved with corrections. The Minutes/Summary from June 7, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia. No member comments.

Records Archive Update: Update on the progress Sarah and Caryn Ann made since last report. One weekend was missed due to the Oregon Convention. Caryn Ann will send link to the Washington presentation on the Statement of Principles to the list.

Winger and Nolan Archive: The Winger items still need to be uploaded (this just keeps getting put to the bottom, but Caryn Ann has it on the list for herself or volunteers). Dr. Buchman is continuing to work on obtaining access to the Nolan archive.

New User Registration Information: Ed found this in the raw SQL database and it could be retrieved if needed. We will continue to preserve screen shots of registrations in a membership folder.

Categories: Progress is being tracking on the Category Organization LPedia page. We concentrated on top-level categories in this meeting and the level of granularity that we desire. James is going to look into installing semantic wiki and give information to the Committee. Joe D. advocates for more "lists" that are not necessarily generated by categories but rather generated by users. Caryn Ann wanted category patrolling to be an administrator function. We will be putting all the current categories into some broad top-level categories and then whittle down from there in a continuously funneling project. We agreed certain categories like



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“current” and “former” should not exist and it was argued that there should not be categories for things that will naturally be included in lists, such as date ranges. The ultimate conclusion is that the category system should be kept minimalistic.

So the plan is to decide on certain top level categories (not written in stone) and work from there as follows:

People

Organizations

Events

Issues (discussion had about whether or not philosophy would fall under here or be its own top level category)

Places

Lists (these are created by users as they find needed)

Publications

Records

LPedia

Templates: Andrew gave an update. He made the one for people and county parties but not yet state parties. In the person template, the intended use of fields that might have many values, such as party positions or candidacies for public office, is to show only the most important or famous cases. We took a look at some formatting issues with the userbox on Chuck Moulton’s page. We decided that caucus should be removed from the userbox as it seems to encourage thinking along factional lines as a recommended field. If caucus involvement is important to a person, it should be in the text of their article. Andrew will delete that.

Policy Updates: Andrew and Joe D. will be preparing updates including how to use categories and templates- this is a carryover from that last time in our pending to-dos.

Sidebar and Featured Article: The sidebar has been updated to include policies and any committee member can refresh the featured article.

Administrator Responsibilities: Caryn Ann brought a proposal for discussion. James is concerned about chasing off people by enforcing policies. Suggestions were offered which Caryn Ann will make and distribute on the list or bring to the next meeting. These will include maintenance responsibilities with the default of patrolling edits and suggestions to subscribe to history committee mailing list.



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Scanner and LP News: Caryn Ann gave her rough averages for estimating purposes which would be about 350 issues with an average length of 20 pages; this would then put the total at 6,000 pages. The question is whether it is worth it to send them out or purchase a high quality scanner and doing it by local volunteers. Caryn Ann reviewed the lowest proposal obtained so far for the scanning which is approximately \$3,500 at certain quality parameters. The facilities are recommending 300dpi. Caryn Ann also went for a personal demo of a scanner to purchase which will do up to 600dpi. We also have some of the backup files for original images that James might be interested in.

As a group, the following motion was hammered out in discussion:

Move that we authorize up to \$3,200 plus shipping for scanning the LP News at 300dpi.

There was no objection to this motion. A supplemental meeting can be called if more pertinent information comes in.

Joe B. wanted it shipped the most secure way possible and insured even if it is more expensive.

Joe B. would like us to find out who initiated the microfilm scan in the past to give a thank you from this committee.

Backups: Caryn Ann will give Ed access to a Dropbox folder for backups.

Passwords: The committee needs copies of the crucial passwords, particularly the chair. Ed will provide these to Caryn Ann.

Volunteers: Gave an update of volunteers putting up early Bylaws.

Adjournment time not noted.

Next meeting is set for July 12, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.