

Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board
Bi-Monthly Meeting
Westborough Public Library
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
10:30 am to

Attendance:

Rob Cox; Gloria Greis; Veronica Martzahl (Secretary and Deputy Coordinator); Penni Martorell; Cliff McCarthy; Dan McCormack; Rachel Onuf; Kaari Mai Tari; Tony Vaver; John Warner (Coordinator)

Absent:

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall

Roving Archivist report

See attached report as Appendix A

American Textile History Museum is closing. The Museum is working to find appropriate institutions for the collection and institutional archives. Many of the object collections will be going to the Smithsonian.

The group discussed the Hardwick Public Library.

SHRAB – NEA meeting in March? Dan has spoken to Eric Bauer and Krista Ferrante for programming and membership. Dan Stokes knows about idea and is receptive

CPC funding issues

Executive Director of the CPC

“Acquire, preserve, and protect” not including idea of inventorying?

Letter from SHRAB requesting clarification and making the case that inventorying is part of preservation and protection.

What is the standing for the CPC? Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Get information from Rachel and talk with Michael/Danny about definition of things

As a matter of course for building preservation is preparatory work

1. Does Longmeadow want to go forward?
2. If Longmeadow wants to move forward, how can we help them?
3. How could we address this with the CPC and Commonwealth?

Who writes the regulations for CPC?

Discussion with Stuart? Invite him in? Presentation?

Applications for Roving Archivists

Charlemont Historical Society – Level 1 application – Approved by unanimous consent

Plimoth Plantation – Level 3 application – Approved by unanimous consent with reservation about further grants

Hatfield regrant funds – sent letter to Kathy Gow and they've received it eventually. **Check on this and pay out of AAC if necessary.**

Funding for preservation – Vetoed by Baker; wait to see if over-written

Grant writing workshops – Need to schedule for the fall

Recap of History Day

Generally positive – a couple logistical issues

Record attendance / appreciation of the focus on the “hands-on” practical day-to-day activities / discussion of unsession format

Starting an archives session – Rachel's session / practical tools

Catablog – session well received and engaged

Planning - Meeting at AAS on July 27th about the future (Gloria and Tony attending)

Catablog

Received a couple of inquiries but not getting a lot of requests; would like more content and participants; Tony is very happy with results for Westborough

July 30th – speaking to History Camp about it

Contact NEA newsletter?

PVHN accepted by MA Humanities to do a series of three focus groups to do this catablogging and come away with action steps/facilitation

Anna Popp at MLS said that would support training workshop

Look at the Resources pages – links to current partners and options

History Camp – July 30th

Brochures and poster for SHRAB

Look at regrants since April – what has been approved?

Second dispersal?

Next meeting:

September 14, 2016

Mass Archives

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