

MEETING SUMMARY June 6, 2023

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, 6 June 2023 at 5:30pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

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

Sam Bohler, Lisa Gansky, Andrew Kolstee

Other Attendees: Nathan Madden

The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 16 May meeting, were approved without objection.

**Requests for Deletion:** Joe reported that he had replied to the person from Colorado who had wanted his article to be removed; the article has not been removed, but should be merged with another that seems to be about the same person.

**Templates:** Andew enhanced the MediaNewTab template to display links both to the file itself and to the "File:" page.

**Site Technical:** There was discussion of having a search engine optimization provider look at our site and make recommendations, though it might make more sense to wait on spending any significant amount of money on this until after we have addressed the "mobile" issue.

**Video Digitization:** Caryn Ann contacted the person who had digitized some very old format tapes for us; she would like to get more of our older format tapes done. She would also like have somebody do the approximately 15 VHS tapes that we have acquired since we had those done previously, which will probably cost less than \$200.



Caryn Ann moved and James seconded to authorize spending \$1000, first on digitizing those VHS tapes, and whatever remains on some of the older tapes; the motion passed without objection.

**August LNC Meeting:** Caryn Ann reported that there may be an opportunity to display historical material as part of a fundraiser at the upcoming LNC meeting to be held in DC; she can bring some things and suggested Andrew might be able to bring some things relating to New York since it is relatively nearby.

**2024 Convention Memorial Committee:** Caryn Ann reported that the national office will be sending out an e-mail message for us this week, but they want us to write the copy. Lisa will work on this. There will also be a notice on the convention site once that site is set up, which is waiting on the "theme" to be decided.

**Alabama:** Sam has been working on articles about past activists and in the process has been learning a lot of interesting things about the history of the state party, including a murder/suicide involving a past state officer.

**New York:** Andrew is continuing to update current information, and is starting to organize and catalog a lot of previously unsorted material.

California: The project to save the contents of the "party business" Facebook group is over because the group has been deleted. They were not able to find a method to automatically download everything, so ended up being able to save some but not all of the material. He said that one lesson of this experience, along with our earlier experience with Yahoo groups, is that we should not be relying on any "social media" services as way to keep records. He also noted that YouTube has not been maintaining the quality of videos that had been uploaded in the past, so we should encourage people to provide us with "originals" to store elsewhere when possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 June 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm Mountain time.