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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY June 3, 2020

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 3 June 2020 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee (arrived after discussion of backup service)
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 20 May meeting were approved.

**Records Archive:** Caryn Ann reported she has been able to resume safe desposit storage of an updated backup disk.

**VHS Tapes:** Caryn Ann reported that the VHS tapes from our storage unit are being shipped to the Development Director, in Massachusetts, to be digitized. We need to pay for the shipping, estimated at \$100-150, but the digitization of up to 250 tapes will be paid for as a development expense, and we will get copies. Payment of this shipping expense from our budget was approved without objection. There was discussion of whether this might be an opportunity to get additional VHS tapes digitized at a reasonable price, if we have more than 250. Spending up to \$500 to pay for digitizing additional tapes as part of this batch, if the per-tape price seems good, was authorized without objection. There was discussion of what other kinds of tapes we still have that might be digitized; Caryn Ann noted that we have some video tapes in a variety of formats but that the next largest quantity of recorded material we have is in the form of audio cassettes.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that traffic has been averaging 108 users/day.

**Additional Backup Service:** Caryn Ann reported that someone who saw her video which showed her bringing a backup disk to the safe deposit box offered to provide an online backup service for that material.



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**Templates:** There was discussion of some templates that users recently added. James noted that imported templates may indicate importation of articles from elsewhere, so we should be on the lookout for possible copyright issues. The particular templates discussed do not appear to raise issues in the respect, but it was noted that they should be documented.

**Requests for Deletion:** There was discussion of several articles referenced in the request-for-deletion section; it appeared that these were all ones that we had already addressed, but in some cases the resolution was not clearly documented. Caryn Ann said she would go through and close each of these cases by making sure the resolution is noted and locking the request page.

**YouTube:** Andrew reported that he had downloaded some New York videos for preservation. There was discussion of software useful for doing this; "4K Downloader" seemed to get the most mention.

**Vicki Kirkland Material:** There was discussion of trying again for relevant contact information. It was suggested that Joe approach Jim Turney about this subject, since Turney lives in that area.

**Recent Scan Job:** Caryn Ann reported that she planned to pick up the originals later in the week, and also that the company said it would be OK to have the Nolan archive material shipped directly to them. Joe reported that he has begun going through the resulting files to see what they contain (as delivered their names are just sequential numbers); he noted that many of the documents do not contain dates, and also that some of them had been scanned at a significant angle (edges of paper not parallel to edges of scanner).

**Convention:** There was discussion of having a table in Orlando, now that plans for holding in-person convention sessions there seem set. Caryn Ann said that due to changes in the makeup of the Convention Oversight Committee, she will have to discuss our needs with them again; she will look into this, including what costs might be involved, and report back to us before we can make a decision.

There was discussion of preserving material relating to this convention. Caryn Ann said she is downloading the meeting videos that were streamed via YouTube. She will also be getting the recordings made by Zoom itself from Dan Fishman. Joe



suggested that it would be useful to make copies of any discussion that took place in conjunction with the convention via any official Slack channels, and suggested that this could be added to the list of projects for which we are seeking volunteers.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for 17 June 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm Mountain time.