

Hidden Histories Board and Executive Meeting

September 29, 2020.

12:00-1:00, Yukon Archives meeting room

Present: Charlotte Hrenchuk, Peggy D'Orsay, Kaitlin Normandin, Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Paul Gowdie, Georgianna Low, Midori Kirby

On the phone: Linda Johnson, Karen Routledge

1. Wanita Johnson, a long-time member, is turning 100.
2. Review of action items from last meeting:
 - a. Grant proposals. HHSY submitted a proposal to CDF to upgrade our website. We should hear back by mid-November. Thanks to everyone who worked on this! Lillian, Charlotte, and Karen met about grant proposals; there are no more deadlines until spring.
 - b. Wikipedia. Kaitlin looked into creating Wikipedia articles and circulated some notes (see Appendix 1 below). A lot of HHSY research should meet Wikipedia's criteria for documentation.
 - i. Action item: Kaitlin will create an account and try to get some experience as a Wikipedia editor.
 - c. Statement of intent for museum project. Action item: Peggy will continue to work on this.
 - d. Yukon Transportation Museum Collections. Karen spoke with Janna and they will keep their eyes open for artefacts that are relevant to HHSY.
 - e. Potential partnerships. Action item: Paul is meeting with Paige from Northern Voices Rising today.
 - f. Online meeting options. Kaitlin circulated some notes about Google Meets vs. Zoom (see Appendix 2 below). Both have paid and free options. Some people have had difficulty accessing Google Meets and its free option does not offer dial-in, but it offers captioning, which is good for people with hearing impairments. Zoom has a monthly option for \$20, so we could consider buying it for an event if we need it. Action item: Revisit next month.
 - g. Bust of Lucile. Action item: Linda to figure out who to approach from the Hougen family. Harrison Tanner sculpted the other busts.
3. Grade 9 class visit:
 - a. Colin Abbott approached Paul about his Grade 9 Social Studies class. Colin has asked his students to choose a Yukon historical figure and write a letter to the editor "in character" about renaming Miles Canyon and Schawtka Lake. Colin asked if an HHSY member could meet with one of his students (who has chosen Lucile Hunter), and potentially present to the class. HHSY members raised some issues:
 - i. The project seems complicated.
 - ii. Many non-First Nations historical figures would not have known the traditional name Kwanlin.

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iii. Renaming is a complicated issue and it is important that the students understand local history. Linda notes that Schwatka Lake did not exist when many historical figures were alive, and the history of the dam is a painful one for many people, especially First Nations people. Georgi notes that it is important to understand Dene history and that it goes back to when time began. She mentioned Mark Wedge's work. History has only been written very recently and most of it has been written by non-Dene people; we need Dene history recorded for our descendants.

iv. Action items:

1. Paul to talk with Colin again to get a better sense of what he wants and if the assignment can perhaps be simplified.
 2. Linda to bring Colin's request up with some KDFN Elders and see if one of them might be interested in doing a class presentation, while making it clear nothing is confirmed at this point. The new KDFN book may also be released in time for the students to read it.
 3. Several members volunteered for a potential class presentation and/or to meet with the student about Lucile: Georgi (she knew Lucile), Paul, Linda, and Charlotte.
4. Website update. Tabled until next month.
 5. Vision statement. Tabled until next month. Action item: Charlotte to circulate what we have currently so everyone can think on it before our next meeting.
 6. Partnerships with other groups: Discussion about the fact that other organizations, who we might want to partner with, may sometimes take public stances that HHSY members do not agree with. Several people said that we could still form strategic alliances for certain projects or events that fit with our mandate. Charlotte has experience with this in other contexts. We are not considering amalgamating with another group. The HHSY Board would discuss our involvement with any project before going ahead. (It was also noted that certain HHSY members, e.g. government employees, need to be cautious about public activism in a small town).

Next meeting will be November 10 from 12-1. The proposed agenda is:

1. Website update
2. Vision statement
3. Zoom vs. Google meets
4. Treasurer's report.

Commented [KR3]: Kaitlin, please confirm if you can get the archives room again. Thanks!

Appendix 1: Notes from Kaitlin about Wikipedia

- Topic must be notable (as defined by Wikipedia: has received significant coverage in multiple secondary source, nothing to do with importance/fame/popularity)
 - Significant coverage: addresses topic directly and in detail, no original research – material for which no reliable, secondary sources exist
 - Reliable: peer-reviewed journals, books published by university presses, university-level textbooks, magazines/journals/books published by respected publishing houses, mainstream newspapers
- Generally, Wikipedia judges notability by asking if there are at least 3 high-quality sources that have a substantial discussion of the subject and are written or published independently of the subject
- Articles should reflect only what reliable sources have said about the topic, and all articles need references to reliable sources
- Lack of notability means that the article will not remain on Wikipedia under the speedy deletion policy
- Wikipedia also warns against articles or statements about living persons, the requirement for references is enforced more rigorously; as well as local-interest articles

Accounts

- After you have had an account for 4 days and have made at least 10 edits, you are allowed to gain permissions, edit semi-protected pages (unregistered users cannot do this), start new articles/rename pages/upload images

Appendix 2: Notes from Kaitlin comparing Google Meets and Zoom

Google Meets

- 60 minute time limit on free version
- security: encrypted, difficult to hijack calls because uses meeting IDs that are 25 characters long and only allows people to join a meeting up to 15 minutes in advance
- can turn on captions
- can present (share screen/specific window)
- integrates well with other Google products, i.e. schedule Google Meet calls from Google Calendar and create/join calls directly from Gmail inbox
- generally need a Google account, but may be a work-around where someone with paid Google Workspace account can start the meeting and attendees join by web (can't use mobile app)
- Google Workspace account is \$7.80 CAD/month x 12 months = \$93.60 (100 participant video meetings, 30 GB cloud storage)
- Can't dial into meetings unless the meeting is organized by a Google Workspace users, phone # added to video meetings only if admins turn on dial-in feature

Zoom

- 40 minute time limit on free version
- security: encrypted
- can present
- can annotate on a shared screen
- can use virtual backgrounds
- don't need a Zoom account to use it, can call in from by phone
- \$200/year for a license (host up to 100 participants, unlimited group meetings, social media streaming, 1 GB cloud recording)