

Hidden Histories Society Yukon Board Meeting
January 13, 2022.
On Zoom

Present: Charlotte Hrenchuk, Peggy D'Orsay, Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Michael Gates, Paul Gowdie, Karen Routledge

1. Request for letter of support for YHMA

- YHMA has requested a letter of support for a CDF application for a conference the week of October 13, 2022. **Charlotte will write the letter.**
- Michael: Theme is "Yukoners from the Pleistocene to the Present." Goal is to showcase the work of Yukoners doing Yukon history and heritage. HHSY could present. It will take place in several communities, with video links. On Saturday night there will be a banquet and pecha kucha session.

2. Media interviews:

- North of Ordinary podcast: Peggy and Charlotte accepted, have not heard back from Karen McColl yet. **Charlotte will send another email to Karen M.**
- CBC Interview: Paul has an interview tomorrow with Meral. Paul proposes discussing: website update, library exhibit, new exhibit development, and that we have taken advantage of opportunities for interviews etc. that have arisen due to media interest in social and cultural movements like Black Lives Matter.
 - Related discussion on membership and outreach during the pandemic: We are a specific group that focuses on research; we have a dedicated core membership and have been here a long time. We deliberately pulled back from organizing events (e.g. for Black History Month) as we thought we were stretching ourselves too thin. Paul's comment (in case he wants to recycle it in the interview): "We are here to support activist organizations but we are mainly documenting those who have made contributions in the past and sharing that with the community. We promote inclusivity and diversity in the community."
 - We should try find ways to recruit and/or engage a few younger members; this could be a topic for another meeting.

3. Update on Randhawas (Charlotte):

- Lillian and Charlotte did a 3-hour interview with Jasbir Randhawa. She also spoke about her husband, Har.
- Jasbir sent Yukon News articles and a bio. Jasbir is also going to scan some family photos.
- Lillian and Charlotte got an automated transcript from Zoom and spent many hours cleaning it up. **Charlotte will finish and send it back to Jasbir to review, then send it to Peggy and Linda.**
 - Related topic: Peggy and Linda did two interviews with Bob Sung and Simon Mason-Wood that still need to be transcribed. At another meeting, we should discuss funding applications for cataloguing and

organizing material we have. Paul will look at our inventory list, Peggy to let us know which transcripts she has.

4. Update on CDF research (Peggy):

- Linda and Peggy have been working on Massa's display text and photos and sent it to the board for review. They are hoping to finish up the Agee text tonight and tomorrow, and Bruce Sung text on the weekend.
- Peggy needs to know which photos we want for Massa's display. Peggy will add credit lines and use info to the photo list.
 - Lillian: it would be nice to include a photo of him with a child as he seemed to enjoy supporting kids.
- Peggy is still waiting on one Agee photo from Yukon Archives.
- Everyone: Deadline for feedback on Massa Sakata text is tomorrow.
 - Comment from Lillian: Can the exhibit highlight his full name, Massayuki, with Massa in brackets? Do we have his father's Japanese name? Peggy will look back, she has seen it but isn't sure if it's spelled correctly.

5. Next meeting:

- Next meeting January 20 at 12:30 on Zoom.