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Dear

Meeting #2 has come and gone for the Greenville Genealogical and Historical Group (I picked a hi-falutin' name for now; top it if you can) on July 10.

Your attendance and interest is most welcome; I believe it's a sign of things to come. Listed below are the names of people who have come to at least one meeting or who have expressed an interest in our meetings (taken from the sign-in board):

Bunny Gundersen	Phyllis Beechert	Pearl Capone
Chris McDonald	Harriet Rasmussen	Bonnie Persico
Clarissa Ketcham	Edna Adams	Doris Hempstead
Marguerite Simpkins	H. Wilson Hilzinger	June Clark
Kevin Hingle	Joseph Mangold	Kathie Williams
Dorothy Howard	Purl Howard	Bob Willower
Arlene Brown	Carol Bryant	Zan Bryant
Barbara Chatterton	David Dively	Don Teator

Question #1, while attendance is the topic. I'm using the list for my mailing list. Do you want a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of the group? Let's bring it up next meeting if there's a desire for a list.

The meeting opened with Arlene Brown and Bob Willower explaining their "Down Memory Lane" project. They're planning an October 27 meeting and need to have material for their story telling. If you know someone who would be a good source of folklore/stories, refer them to Arlene at 966-8498 or Bob at 966-8634.

Next, I explained the index of files of the Town Historian. Then, you had almost 30 minutes to browse through the folders and books. I hope your searching gave you some ideas about topics we still need to do or do in greater depth.

June Clark raised the idea that we, as a group, should promote the restoration needs of the Presbyterian Church steeple, since the church is part of the National Register area. We agreed, I believe, that this project could be a group cause that would additionally help us with an identity for the town. Next meeting, we are to come with ideas that might help the church in its fund raising activities.

We finished off the regular meeting with a discussion of individual projects. By next meeting, those of us who are willing should have written down something that would help in our goal of preserving the history of Greenville. Nothing big was needed. This might be: the list of owners and changes of the house you're living in, along with the neighbors possibly; or the history of your, or any, family that's lived in Greenville for as far as you know; or the various businesses that have used certain buildings, or have inhabited buildings no longer used commercially; or the recalling of your experiences as a younger person in the Town

of Greenville; or the recording of events or stories you know or have heard; or any number of things that are part of our town's fabric.

I sense our projects are of two types. One is a common project in which we pool our energy, such as helping the Presbyterian Church. The second is working on our own individual projects and sharing the results.

The meeting closed with Chris Ketcham giving us a look at the 4th grade project that was located in the rear of the Presbyterian Church. We admired the good job and effort shown by the students and teachers.

Again, some of you fell for the lemonade and cookies. It's hard not to agree with the person with refreshments, so I'll keep at my "tactics."

Somewheres between this, Dave Dively told us of the grant some teachers at school have received. Since the topic is local history, he requested our help in their search for local history resources.

If I left something out, I apologize for a massive lapse in memory. Again, if you have suggestions for our group about what we should (could) be doing, feel free to speak up. If no one says anything, I'll tend to foist my ideas upon you.

Other matters:

1: We've been meeting the 2nd Monday of the month. I believe, unless you think otherwise, that we are ready to plan monthly meetings until next summer at least. What night would you like to meet? I've avoided the following days because of other scheduled meetings: the first Monday, and the third Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Town Board meets the first Wednesday; the Planning Board meets the fourth Thursday. I've avoided Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays on general principles, but am not opposed to them. I am aware that our 2nd Monday is also the same night as the School Board meetings. With all due respect to the School Board, I can accept meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month. Think about this matter and we'll discuss it next meeting.

2: I've been working with Ronnie Campbell in the disposition of records, with the goal of establishing some space for current Historian's records and future acquisitions. Ideally, we need a room of our own (to steal a book title).

3: The AGENDA for next meeting (Monday, August 14, at 7:30, in the Community Room) will be 1) the sharing of our individual projects, 2) discussion of ideas about the Presbyterian Church, and 3) your choices.

4: The star of our July meeting should be Edna Adams. Without her, you would have seen very little. Some of you claim to know so little; the truth is that you know much that is not in our files. Write it, or we lose it.

I've appreciated your help and your enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Don Teator