

Digital Advisory Committee meeting Minutes Thursday, January 24th 2008

Attending Members: John Ansley; James Cosgrove; Morgan Gwenwald; Jerry Henry; Clifton Patrick; Sally Pellegrini, Chris Pryslopski; Susan Stessin-Cohn; Laurie Shedrick & Helene Tieger, Chair.

Attending SENLYRC Staff: John Shaloiko; Tessa Killian & Zack Spalding

Excused: Bob Clark; Jeff Katz; Ron Patkus

Meeting commenced at 10:05.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Cosgrove a second by Clifton Patrick, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

- **Homepage Image**-John reported that he was seeking one “Iconic Image” to represent each collection. A consultant has been contacted on handling the images for the site. Ted Spiegel has given full rights on some of his photos, which may be used on the HRVH site.
- **Newspaper Planning Grant**-a \$200,000 LSTA grant will be funding a 2-year plan to digitize statewide historical newspapers. Consultant, George Schlubbier, has been brought in to consult on the digitization aspect. Docworks, a product for digitizing, which has the ability to recognize and segment elements of text, is being considered for the project. Zack is researching platforms upon which the digitized data and metadata will reside. SENYLRC has board approval to serve as the fiscal agent. The state library will be participating in the project.
- **Sound and Story Project**-Collaboration with World Sound Foundation’s Sound & Story audio project was discussed. The planning phase is being funded and SENYLRC is acting as the fiscal agent. HRVH will hopefully have sound files from the project and link out to the complete audio files. 10 oral histories are being recorded from the Stone Ridge Library in Ulster County.
- **Beers Atlas**-Tessa reported that the working group formed had met and created a list of maps that would be added to HRVH. Interns will be used to scan the maps, which include NY to Troy, Greene County, Rockland County and Sullivan County. Maps of other areas will be linked to outside sources.
- **Presentation by Susan Stessin presented “The Missing Chapter: Untold stories of the African American Presence in the Hudson Valley”**-A fabulous demonstration of the new HRVH exhibit that was given. Later some discussion about the working title took place. The site can be viewed at <http://www.hrvh.org/exhibit/aa07/>
- **Discussion and Planning**
 - **Regional topics and “most Wanted”**-Tessa discussed the document that was created in the working group, which outlined each topic with example material and “Most Wanted” themes if they existed within the group.
 - **Future Grants to be Awarded by SENYLRC for HRVH** – A draft application was discussed. The application is very brief, requiring minimal site information and a brief summary of the proposed project. The committee agreed that the document would be less intimidating for potential contributors and provide the first step in opening a dialogue to determine the viability. The contributors would have to take the training courses and become affiliate members at least. John stated that the details of the awards, course payment and membership still needed to be worked out.

Next Meeting date: March 27th
Meeting Adjourned 12:20 pm