

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

Members attending: Richard Anderson, Lee Jamison, Marilyn Burch, Sharon Hall, Karen Hummel, and Cal Burch

The meeting, held at the railroad station, began shortly after 9:00 a.m. Ron made the motion to accept last month's minutes which was seconded by Richard. Ron requested that minutes be sent to him via e-mail so he can forward them to the town web site.

Marilyn reported that the Farmers' Market will come to a close on September 28 with a visit from Assemblyman Tim Gordon and his mobile outreach office. She intends to advertise and submit an article for publicity to encourage a good attendance. We will hang the railroad photos that Karen printed out and exhibit them as well. Members of the committee are asked to help with the bake sale at the market. The Monday Coffee Corner is also doing well. When winter arrives, we may move into the station as the wood stove would keep the coffee and baked goods from freezing. Once hunting season arrives, there is a need for an early-opening (5:00 a.m.) coffee spot.

The Halloween party was discussed. Marilyn will check with the Kellers for the hay ride. Suggestions were made that parts of the haunted station could be for older kids so that we don't scare the little ones. We are hoping that the electricity will be turned on by then. Lee can contact the library to see if someone could read a story to the younger children.

Members had many suggestions for groups who might want to use the building once we have electric. We need to reach out to groups such as the Boy or Girl Scouts, the Garden Club or the spinning group. We could hold a "Joe Manti" Day or invite the historical society to show slides from Bob Montie's collection. We also need to plan for a "Bake Off" to publicize Lisanne Jensen's Stuyvesant Cookbook. Marilyn also suggested a Holiday Bazaar for craft vendors. In 2009, the town will be joining the Hudson/Fulton celebration. Kate is planning a play that will use the porches along Riverview Street. There may be grant opportunities that we need to plan for. Marilyn made the motion to elect Karen to be Corresponding Secretary. Sharon seconded it, and it was passed unanimously.

Ron stated that the paperwork for the DOT grant was on his desk but he needs to confer with the architect before filing it. The architect will write the bid package. An outside composting toilet would be historically correct and would allow public access. Public use of the station is still the main goal.

The electricity will be installed soon. Cal and Richard have continued to paint and the doors look wonderful. There has been more vandalism, with bb holes in one window. Tom Leonard of Mile Hill Rd., Kinderhook, has offered to donate a display case if we help move it. Cal made the motion to accept it, with Karen seconding. She will send Tom a Thank-You letter.

The Halloween Party will be held on October 27. Our next meeting will be October 20 when we will set up for the haunted station. Ron made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen. Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch