

**Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**May 17, 2008**

Chair: Ron Knott

Secretary: Marilyn Burch

Members Attending: Karen Hummel, Isabelle Bosquet-Morra, and Sharon Hall

The meeting was held at the railroad station, beginning a little after 9:00 AM. Ron made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Karen.

Marilyn reported that the Monday Coffee Corner has been less successful lately as not enough money has been left to pay for all of the baked goods that have disappeared. She suggested that the committee could have a weekly Bake Sale at the Farmers' Market instead. All committee members were encouraged to bake for it.

The library's Used Book Sale was quieter than last year's. They paid us \$21 as a 10% donation but they also sold 2 of the Hudson Valley Ruins books, for \$70. The transportation speaker was excellent. Reporters from both local papers were in the audience, which was "standing room only". The Farmers' Market opened on May 9 with lots of sound and fury. All of the performers were excellent; Dawn Collins played traditional songs, the Fiddle Cats were wonderful, John and Isabelle brought an international flavor with Brazilian Bossa Novas, and the Scanell brothers with their drum and bagpipe were outstanding. The evening ended with a drum circle. The drummers are planning on coming to the market each month throughout the summer.

The presentation about historic postcards will take place on June 6. Ron will see about distributing posters and sending articles to the papers. Kate McLeod has asked the Town Board for permission to hold her fund-raiser for the Millay Colony on June 8. Isabelle spoke about John's plans for the painting workshop on July 12. Ron said that the town could help buy materials. Isabelle said that John's plan for the workshop was that the participants would learn about painting a still life, using food from the Farmers' Market.

Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on August 9. We will talk to Juanita to see how we can help. The 2009 Hudson-Fulton celebration will come to Stuyvesant on September 18 and 19 in commemoration of Henry Hudson's first voyage, 400 years ago.

Ron reported that the NYS-PRHR had Oked our grant proposal. It now goes to DOT and once they OK it, the architect can write the bid proposal. Ron and Karen are working on rewriting our grant request for the Rheinstrom Hill Foundation. We can show the continuing use and community involvement with the station: the Farmers' Market, the Art Show, movies, lectures, and other events. They reported that the Foundation did seem open to us and Karen should know soon.

Under Member Concerns, the question came up about if we could man the station on weekends. There was some discussion, but no conclusions.

Next month's meeting will be held on June 21 at the station. Sharon made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Isabelle.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch