

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 19, 2008

Chaired by Ron Knott

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

The meeting, held at the Town Hall, began at 9:15. Ron made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Lee. Marilyn reported that we had taken in \$201 selling cookies and tee-shirts at the Holiday Party. Richard Anderson was a wonderful Santa. The leftover cookies were donated to the Kinderhook Memorial Library which sent many thanks. The Library would like to hold another book sale at the station. Julie Johnson, Library Director, has a speaker lined up who will discuss transportation in the 19th century Hudson Valley. We will invite him to speak at the station in the spring. Marilyn will contact David McMillan to see when they want to hold the book sale.

The Farmers' Market will start up again on May 9, the Friday before Mothers' Day. We will invite Dan Schoonover to show a Hitchcock film, perhaps that evening. He has one with a train theme. John Meredith, from Kinderhook, has old postcards that he would like to exhibit. Sharon suggested that we should make ornaments at Karen's during the summer (July?) so we have them for sale at the Market. Erik Burch could be asked to create boxes for the ornaments, perhaps from wallpaper books. Lisanne is still working on the recipe book. She is also writing an article about the station for the Hudson River Sampler. We need to archive old photos. As the station is completed, it would be good to show the progress. Ron will check on grants available for archiving. Karen suggested a one-day student art show, perhaps in May. Phil Bickerton has offered to show his chicken paintings.

Ron has been in contact with the architect who will create bid specs for DOT approval, once he has the OK from the Town Board. We also need Health Department approval for the comfort station. Local contractors are encouraged to bid, but they have to follow the same rules. Sean was absent so we tabled reapplying for the Rheinstrom Hill Foundation grant. Karen had gone to Bard and learned about writing grants. She suggested other philanthropic organizations such as the Berkshire Taconic Organization, Restore NY, etc. Marilyn asked if it would help to have a Friends of the Railroad Station group but it is hard to know the answer.

Any grant-writing will have to address the idea of the station's final purpose. We need to be able to write a firm mission statement. We can certainly point out that it is a multi-use community center. We do need to continue to raise funds. The Loose Change Project was mentioned.

Our next meeting, probably at the Town Hall, will be February 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Lee made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch

