

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
February 16, 2008

Chaired by Marilyn Burch

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

The meeting began at 9:15, with Cal making the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Lee. Ron was at a meeting with Valerie and the Town Engineer.

Marilyn reported that David McMillan of the Friends of the Kinderhook Library, had written to the Town Board, seeking their approval for use of the station for a Used Book Sale on April 26. The Town Board Oked the use. The library is providing a speaker that day on the subject of transportation in the Hudson Valley in the 19th century. May 9 will see the opening of the Farmers' Market as well as our first Movie Night at the Station, with Dan Schoonover showing Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train". Erik Burch had said he would rent a popcorn machine for the night. We also discussed a Spring Art Show of student work. Karen will report back. Other ideas from the committee included selling food at the market as long as it didn't compete with Terry at the Riverview Cafe' and cutting pussy willows to sell later.

The Town Board approved paying the architect, so the DOT grant project will move forward. We are hoping that construction will start this summer. Cal and Richard pointed out that the drainage around the station is not very good. We briefly discussed other funding, with Karen asking if we wanted to paint one of the Dogs of Summer that will be displayed in Hudson.

We would like to be part of the 2009 celebration of Hudson and Fulton. With a focus on industry, the Stuyvesant waterfront could be a focal point. We could have a photographic exhibit at the station, for example. Karen is on the 2009 Committee and the Arts Council and will report on their progress. We could get the Garden Club involved.

Lee spoke about the Historic Railroad Tour that she had attended last year. The participants were railroad enthusiasts. This year that group will be seeing the Poughkeepsie bridge that is being turned into a long green space. We would like to invite the group to our little station

Our next two meetings will be on March 15 and April 19. The March meeting will probably be held in the Town Hall, but we are hoping to hold the April meeting at the station. It will be followed by a clean-up project, as the Library's Used Book Sale will be held the next week.

Lee made the motion to adjourn at 10:05, seconded by Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch