

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Minutes of the February 17, 2007, Meeting

Chaired by: Ron Knott

Members attending: Marilyn Burch, Richard Anderson, Lee Jamison, Dottie Kennett, Mary Kilcer, Kate McLeod, Karen Hummel, Sharon Hall, Andrew Degiacomo

Last month's minutes were amended to read that we started at 9-ish. Lee made the motion for acceptance, seconded by Karen.

An article about the Farmers Market will be written by Lisanne Jensen for the Hudson River Sampler. We will include a mention of all the fund-raising events we have planned. Lee spoke to Jim Eyre of the Historical Society who will update our listing in their magazine with our events. Marilyn and Erik spoke to Larry Ashmead to ask him to hold the reception for the writers of the book, Hudson Valley Ruins. He was quite pleased at the idea. Kate suggested that the lecture and book signing should be free (although we will accept donations) with a \$30 charge to attend the reception. The committee volunteered to make the food. Kate said she would order another five cases of books. The lecture will be held from 3:00 to 5:00, with the reception to follow. Kate will call Ruth Ellen Berninger at the Historical Society to suggest that we could work together on this event.

Karen gave us an update on the plans for the Arts Weekend. It will be held June 8, 9, and 10. More than twenty-seven artists have been contacted and asked to exhibit two pieces each. So far all the responses have all been positive. We are asking that 25% of the proceeds of any sale be donated to the train station. There will be wine and cheese reception at the Opening on Friday. The River Muses have decided to run off copies of John Bosquet-Morra's beautiful painting of the river here at Stuyvesant Landing to sell. There may be a High Tea on Saturday. Lee has offered to hold a thank-you party for the artists at her house on Sunday. On Saturday, John Bosquet-Morra will be holding a plein air workshop if the weather is good, or a still life workshop if it is not. He will charge \$150 and accept 10 students. The proceeds will also be donated to the station. Lee will check on music.

Marilyn passed around the letter from David McMillan, outlining the plans by the Friends of the Kinderhook Library to hold a used book sale on April 21. She also reported that the Monday coffee has raised \$76.50.

We discussed the survey that the Town Board would like to send out. We want public feedback, even though surveys don't often have a big return. Having this information may help us with grant writing.

The electrification project is advancing. The easement has been written, although it has not yet been signed. Cal and Richard built the wall that will hold the panel box. Marilyn

suggested that we set April 21 as a goal so the library can have lighting. Kate agreed that dates should be set, but Ron pointed out that it doesn't always work like that. As for other projects, we can work on the painting and the hardware when it gets warmer. We will need locking doors and windows by the time of the art show.

Under the topic of member concerns, Karen thanked Richard and Cal for working at the station on the coldest days of the year. She will be writing an article for "Arts Alive" magazine. Other ideas suggested: selling fund-raising items online or to "rail buffs".

The next meeting will be held on March 17. Ron made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch