

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of June 16, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

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

The meeting was held at the railroad station, starting at 9:15. Richard made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Cal. Marilyn reported that the Farmers Market has been given the OK by NYS Department of Ag. & Markets for the vegetable vendors to accept WIC and Senior Nutrition Program coupons. Ron showed us a list of income and expenses that Town Clerk Melissa Naelgeli had prepared. Karen asked that when we give the report at the Town Board meeting, we should tell about projects, not just the money we have raised. We have a lot of sweat equity in the building.

The Art Show was fantastic. Karen pointed out that Isabelle and Lee should be thanked for all their work, as well as Richard, Cal, Ron, Christian, Ned Depew, and Michael Locker. Everyone who came had positive feedback. Other shows could be held here now that we have the hardware for hanging. Karen has been named to the Columbia County Council on the Arts and will check with them. She also suggested that a student art show would be great as North Point has shut down. We can look into holding other workshops or maybe an event geared to rail buffs. Lee reported on the rail tour that she took downstate, saying there was a lot of interest in stations that are in a lot worse shape than ours. Richard pointed out that we need better security if we are to hold other events. The lecture and book signing were also great, although we have 3 full boxes of books that can be returned for a refund. Marilyn will take care of it. We should display a book at the Town Hall. We have seven copies still and they are available at the Farmers' Market.

The Monday Coffee Corner may have to move outside. Lee and Marilyn will check into it. Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on August 11. Although the theme is Fire Stations, we would like to have the station open and possibly hang some "before" and "after" pictures of the station. We will coordinate with the Fire Companies.

The survey is still being accepted. The Town Board has not set a deadline but once they do, we can tally the information. Ron has talked to the Department of Transportation about re-scoping the grant. He and Val need to sit down with them. We want to administer the grant ourselves, and we would like local people to be hired to do the work. Sean sent in a grant proposal to the Rheinstrom Hill Foundation. He focused on the windows and doors, requesting just under \$10,000.

The easement for the electrical wires has gone to Jim Melville who wants his lawyer to look at it. Ron has been in contact with electrician Jack Scherrif and Highway Super Bernie Kowalski. They are ready to go. We have an OK from National Grid to place the meter inside the building. Ron told the tale of the pinpoint lights for the art show.

Christian has offered to install the half-circle transoms above the doors. Ed Scott will give pointers on painting. Richard wants to paint. The outside woodwork needs at least primer. There are carpenter bees using the bare wood. Paint is available. Ron will check the plans and mark what color goes where. The floor could be painted now that it's clean.

Other fund-raising ideas include a cookbook that Lisanne Jensen is compiling.

The next meeting will be held at the station on July 21. Lee made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Burch