

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
July 26, 2008

Chair: Ron Knott

Secretary: Marilyn Burch

Members Attending: Cal Burch, Isabelle Bosquet-Morra, Karen Hummel, Sharon Hall, Mary K. Kilcer, and Lee Jamison

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

Marilyn reported that the farmers' market had been dwindling. Not as many vendors are participating, which is a problem when people are looking for something specific, like eggs. We discussed moving the market to give it more visibility but the committee likes the market next to the Cafe' and by the river. Marilyn suggested that brush could be trimmed along Kinderhook St. Isabelle's postcards were handed around. They are beautiful and we have sold quite a few. Karen suggested a "fence art" outdoor gallery. We can also invite the drum circle again.

The Bastille Day Painting Workshop brought in \$770 and was educational as well as fun for all the participants. Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on Saturday, August 9. Lee suggested we could rent a multi-media program from the Iroquois Museum to have in the station that day and the Friday night before. We will need to man the station while it is there. We may also create a Native American dinner for Friday night.

As for other ideas, Matt Locriccio has a new cookbook coming out in the fall and has offered to hold a cooking demo. Lianne's cookbook may also be coming out. Perhaps we can hold another Farm Day, as David Rowley of Monkshood Farm has offered to have it there. The committee liked the idea of showing "Rocky Horror Picture Film" on Halloween, changing the focus to an adult party. A pumpkin festival and a "Taste of Buffalo" festival were also suggested.

Ron reported that the DOT is reviewing the grant. Karen has been trying to contact the Rheinstrom Hill Foundation people. She suggested we should focus on education in our next proposal. Mary pointed out that the Chatham Library has a large amount of information available about possible grants. We could also rewrite the grant proposal that Sue Chiafullo wrote a few years ago.

To keep the building in use, we could write to local organizations offering the space for their use. Juanita has a list of various contacts. We could hold a rock and gem show, inviting Dr. Fisher (the Rock Doc) from Kinderhook to speak. Ron suggested a speaker on brick-making. Karen brought up a fishing derby. A story teller would be great. We can check with Julie Johnson at the Kinderhook Memorial Library, who has a list of speakers. Isabelle suggested a kayak tour.

With construction still some time in the future, Ron suggested that the painting volunteers (mainly Cal and Richard Anderson) could use up the paint that has already been purchased. Cal reminded him that the two pieces of glass for the transoms are still at Mario's.

Our next meeting will be August 23. Ron made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch