

Davis Meeting House Society, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes - January 6, 2014

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The meeting of the Davis House Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:05 at the Swezey House in Yaphank, NY.

*Members in Attendance:*

Maryanne Douglas  
Betsy Bloomer  
Bonnie Cornett  
Jeff Davis  
Steve Lucas  
Robert Kessler  
Paul Infranco  
Mildred Zimmermann  
Tom Gaidry

Maryanne mentioned that a very nice thank you note was received from the Yaphank Historical Society for the donation of leftover pieces after the fall yard sale.

**Approval of Minutes**

Bob moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting that had been previously distributed; Jeff seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email.  
Total assets are \$1,904.96.  
The report will be filed.

**Membership Report**

Chris had reported via email that there are 23 members. The report will be filed.

Maryanne then passed out a new list of contact information for all officers.

**Old Business**

Maryanne reported that the abandoned building was completely taken down in December.

Jeff suggested a sign at the cemetery; Maryanne noted that there is a sign.

Bob gave out the name and contact info of a person that can help with getting a sign for the house. He also brought up that a step hasn't been installed yet by the front porch to make stepping up easier.

## **New Business**

Maryanne thanked Paul for all the items he has donated.

Maryanne said she would like to send out a page newsletter once a month to members.

She also said she would like to arrange a meeting with the town about the grants now that it is the beginning of a new year. At the prior meeting, they had said there is \$166,000 and it is estimated it will cost \$2,000,000 to finish the interior of the house. There is no plumbing, no electricity and no heat. It was mentioned that a lot of original wood is stored outside that can and should be used if possible.

There was a discussion of more grants possibilities. Jeff said he would speak to Sara Anker, Suffolk County Legislator, and suggested that maybe we could contact Senator LaValle.

Maryanne said she would like to donate to the Yaphank Presbyterian Church, which was damaged by fire. Bob suggested waiting and said it is too damaged. It is not sure yet where the money is going to go and if they are rebuilding it. Maryanne said we would put it on hold.

There was a discussion of fund raising projects such as the Tree for donations and also bricks but we cannot go ahead with these ideas until federal forms are completed. Also, there is no interior yet. In more discussion regarding funds needed, it was mentioned that we should hire an historical architect.

Historian's Report - There was no report.

MILDRED talked of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century plaque and read the letter from Ed Romaine. Mildred showed a sample picture of the plaque to be installed.

The meeting ended with Maryanne saying she will try for a meeting with the town. She also suggested everyone try to bring in one new member.

The next meeting will be on February 3, 2014 at the Hawkins House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Bloomer  
Recording Secretary