

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2020

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas who opened the meeting at 7:05PM at the Old School House in Coram, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Margaret Guardi	Ellen Kushner	Jeff Davis
Chris Reilly	Jean Hartling	Suzanne Johnson	Tom Gaidry
Diane Cardello	Barbara Hoff	Van Johnson	Ashley Grills
Mildred Zimmermann	Steve Lucas	Maryanne Vigneaux	Vana McClure

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ellen noted correction needed on spelling of member's name and noted only mugs and pens were approved items, no bags was approved for purchasing. Barbara moved to accept amended version and Steve Lucas seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly noted we have \$7,885.09 as of close of business December 31, 2019. Chris submitted the required annual Financial Statement Certification and the optional annual Management Letter (Report on Operations). He noted we save a large amount of money by doing our own internal audit as an official CPA review or audit is not yet required by regulations. A motion was made and seconded that we officially accept the annual Financial Statement Certification. That motion was then unanimously approved by the board.

Membership Report

Barbara Hoff noted we now have 107 paid members. Chris Reilly gave Barbara the renewal letters to be sent to members who have not paid their dues this year.

Historian's Report

Millie had a copy of a 1911 play called "The Engagement Tree." The play was performed at Mt Holyoke College where Alma Davis was friends with Eleanor Davis. Jeff Davis brought in copies of pictures he had of David Randall at the Davis House and gave the copies to Millie.

Old Business

1. Suzanne read Bob's report on work on the house as Bob was not able to attend our meeting. Maryanne has the detailed written report. I will give a shorter summary of the work in progress: Bob was able to get the Town to pay for dead bolt locks on all the doors. This is a cost of \$700.00. Bob also got the town to pay for broken windowpanes in two exterior doors. Work was done on two fireplaces. Suzanne Johnson procured hinges for the fireplace door which now can be hung. The staircase has been stained. Workers have been at other projects and have not been able to work at Davis House for a while.
2. Trish Foley donated a relatively new dishwasher and refrigerator to be placed in the kitchen
3. Maryanne advised us that Professor Gregory Hunter had returned historical documents from the house. The artifacts have been digitalized and put on a USB drive.

New Business

1. Maryanne noted our next meeting will be on February 3rd. Once again it will be in the Old School House. *[Note that this location was subsequently changed to the Swezey-Avey House in Yaphank after these minutes were submitted].*
2. The Coram Hay Burning committee will meet at the Old School House this Friday, January 10th at 7 PM.
3. Bill Bleyer will meet a few members at the Davis House to take pictures and get information on house's history. We hope the pictures will be included in the book he is presently writing about The Culper Spy Ring.
4. Maryanne noted lights are on all day at Davis House. She also asked that The Coram Civic remove the Christmas tree lights as she had removed other holiday decorations.
5. Members were asked if they had any articles to use in our Newsletter.

Open Discussion

1. We discussed pictures from our holiday party to be included in newsletter along with pictures of the mugs picturing the Davis House that we now have for sale.

Barbara moved we adjourn at 8PM and Steve seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Cardello