

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2019

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

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Chris Reilly	Ellen Kushner	Robert Kessler
Van Johnson	Vana McClure	Mildred Zimmermann	Barbara Hoff
Diane Cardello	Jean Hartling	Suzanne Johnson	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as written. Barbara motioned to accept, and Suzanne seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly presented a lengthy year-end report of the resources on hand and the monetary needs of our Society. The entire report is available online. As of the end of year 2018, we have \$8,182.46 in our treasury. Chris noted we want to put more of our money into actual work on the house and not ancillary expenses. Near future work on the house will entail very expensive outlays for plumbing work, the staircase and wall work. We brainstormed ways to find large funding. We formed committees to find major funding. We need community outreach, as we have no community supporters. We will reach out to other historical societies for ideas to find funding.

Membership Report

Barbara Hoff will continue to review our membership list and email past members for support.

Historian's Report

Maryanne Douglas brought newspapers from the weekend of November 24, 1963. The week-long coverage of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Old Business

Robert Kessler reported the Brookhaven Town Engineer noted no problems with the foundation of the Davis House. Grading is needed to lead water away from the foundation. Rob Maag was alerted to the fact the spotlights on Davis House need repairing. Suzanne Johnson reported she had not heard back from LI Preservation regarding putting the Norton House on the Endangered Historical Homes list.

New Business

We formed many committees to help with the work of our society. Barbara Hoff will chair the Tea Party Committee. Our Victorian Tea fundraiser will be on May 4, 2019. Barbara called for our first meeting to be 6:30, February 4, 2019, immediately before our next business meeting. Maryanne Douglas has a full list of new committees formed and members of committees.

Open Discussion

We discussed the MLK celebration on January 19, 2019 which start at Coram School and include a march to the Coram Firehouse for lunch and activities. We will have a table set up with Society member volunteers and information about our Society.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Cardello