

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas who opened the meeting at 7:00 at the Swezey-Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance

Maryanne Douglas	Steve Lucas	Tom Gaidry
Diane Cardello	Ellen Kushner	Barbara Hoff
Mildred Zimmerman	Suzanne Johnson	
Jean Hartling	Ashley Grills	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written. Barbara made a motion and Steve seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly left a report of \$5,578.47 as of close of business February 29, 2020. We have an additional \$5,000 encumbered for the Kitchen.

Membership Report

Barbara Hoff reported we have 95 paid members.

Historian's Report

None

Old Business

1. Robert Kessler sent a report to Maryanne that floors were finished in the new kitchen, west parlor, Tavern Room, old kitchen, and dining room. On March 3rd the first coat will be applied to rear hall, bathroom, and office. Baseboards are primed and painted and ready to be installed by carpenter. Boards are ready to be installed in Tavern Room.
2. We had a detailed discussion of our finances.
 - a. It was noted that our \$9,000 Grant must be spent and our cash flow must be monitored.
 - b. We need to increase profits from our Tea in May. Maryanne asked all members make raffle baskets or purchase gift certificates.
 - c. Steve had suggestions The Patchogue Historical Society used to generate money. We could get a credit card from our bank for extraordinary expenses. He suggested sending out letters to local chamber of commerce detailing our group's work. They would be asked to donate money or join us in our efforts. It was suggested that we include return envelopes with the Davis House logo and membership forms.
 - d. We discussed our No Bake Sale letters used previously to generate money.

New Business

1. Maryanne noted our next meeting will be on April 6 2020 at Swezey-Avey House at 7PM. The next meeting of the Hay Burning committee will be March 13,2020 at 7PM at Longwood library.
2. Bill Bleyer will meet a few members at the Davis House to take pictures and get information on house's history. The date is March 18 at Davis House at 1:30. He is working on a book about George Washington's Culper Spy Ring.
3. On Saturday, April 18th the Colonial Third Regiment was given permission to practice on Davis House property. The community is welcome to watch them. Maryanne will alert all members to this activity.

4. Maryanne noted we need more volunteers for our Victorian Tea and yard sale. She noted we need many more donations for our yard sale this year.
5. As noted before we need more efforts to enlarge our revenue.

Open Discussion

1. Maryanne will ask Van to have someone take down Christmas lights on tree at the Davis House.
2. We discussed the historical cooking of Diane Schmidt.

Steve moved we adjourn at 8:20 PM and Ashley seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Cardello