

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2017

The meeting of the Davis Town Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:03pm at the Swezey Avey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas
Margaret Guardi
Diane Cardello
Steve Lucas
Vana McClure
Gail Lynch Bailey
Mildred Zimmermann
Suzanne Johnson
Ellen Kushner
Chris Reilly
Jean Hartling
Lisa Dils
Margaret Goes

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Approval of Minutes Minutes approved as written. Barbara motioned and Ellen seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Reilly reports we have \$15,288.08 as of February 28, 2017. Chris reports he filed a federal report and a NYSCHAR500 as a registered charity.

Membership Report

Barbara Hoff will send out second notices of nonpayment of dues to outstanding members from last year. She will also make follow-up phone calls.

Historian's report

Mildred passed around a beautiful silver teapot from the Davis House. We will display it at our May 13 Victorian Tea. Our goal is to make the tea a fundraiser and publicity event for encouraging new members to join our society.

Old Business

Bob Kessler reports that the Town's electricians will continue to work on the Davis House this month. They have caused less damage as they go about their work on this historical home than the volunteers.

Barbara Hoff reported on the first meeting of the Tea Committee. Jobs have been assigned on preparing the tea. The menu has been decided upon. Decorating issues and supplies needed were discussed. Barbara will submit to Chris her needs for \$150 in monies to buy certain supplies. A motion was made to approve the \$150.00 budget for the Tea. All members of the committee have generously offered their expertise and concrete contributions that will save the society money. Tea committee next meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 4 PM at Fairfield Apartment's Club House.

Bonnie Cornett had to resign as Vice President of our society .We thanked Bonnie for her service. Suzanne Johnson was voted in as new Vice President with all 12 votes by those present at meeting. She will preside over our next meeting while Maryanne is on a well-deserved vacation.

Maryanne reported that the Gardiner's Grant is ready to be submitted after her many discussions with the Town. Executive Board members were asked to review the agreement with the Town. Maryanne emailed the agreement to executive board for approval. . Executive Board members voted to accept the agreement and Maryanne Douglas would submit it to the Gardiner's Foundation.

The fire insurance issue has been resolved (no required) and also issue of the contents of the Davis House. In the event any item or artifact is donated to the house it is the property of Davis Town Meeting House Society.

New Business

Gail Lynch Bailey presented information on the Norton House in Coram Center. We would like to look into saving this long abandoned historical structure. Bob Kessler is going to ask the town to purchase it. Bob works on open spaces land acquisition. The Norton House committee will continue to work on finding who owns the home and to work with the Town on this issue.

Open Discussion

Suzanne discussed next issue of our society's newsletter. It will be released quarterly and have colors on front and back covers.

There will be a Women's History Month presentation at the Meadow Club on March 7.

Jean moved the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM Vana seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Cardello