

Davis Meeting House Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2014

The meeting of the Davis Meeting House Society was called to order by President Maryanne Douglas at 7:07 at the Swezey House in Yaphank, NY.

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Robert Kessler	Barbara Hoff
Betsy Bloomer	Jeff Davis	Tom Gaidry
Bonnie Cornett	Steve Lucas	Margaret Colarossi
Kathy Then	Jean Hartling	
Chris Reilly	Mildred Zimmermann	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting that had been previously distributed by email were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was previously distributed by email.
Total assets are \$1,926.21. The report will be filed.

Membership Report

There are five new members.

Historian's Report – there was no report

Old Business

- 501(c)(3) - Chris talked to the CPA and she gave him a couple of changes. He doesn't have much more to do. We need to be careful on government relations. The town does not control us even though we can't do a lot without their approval. The charter for incorporation needs to be amended to say less, keep it simple, and change from "A" designation to a "B" designation. This amendment needs to be made before the 501(c)(3) can be filed for. Chris said that in the future leasing the house may be the goal instead of the town owning it. Bob said the town should pay all the bills.
- Mildred said there has been no answer from the town regarding the plaque.
- Maryanne listed the politicians that had answered her letters asking for support.

New Business

- The TAG grant for \$3,500 for drawings – Connie Kepert's office said the office has to decide who gets the grants. Maryann talked to Nicole Christian, who is grant writer for Port Jefferson. She is giving a workshop for grant writing. Maryanne is taking the class. She passed around a flyer for the workshop. It is filed with these minutes.
- Maryanne said many grants say you have to be an owner. Bob said they got smaller grants without being an owner.
- Steve said many also need matching funds.

- Bob – we need an architect.
- Maryanne – Randy Davis wants to leave money to the house but is worried that the Society may dissolve.
- There was a discussion of grass roots support. We are looking for such a large amount it is difficult. Margaret suggested more events more often. Maybe a re-enactment?
- Kathy asked if we are connected with the Coram Civic Association. Yes, we grew from members of that Association.
- Maryanne – we want to send members out to talk about the Davis House. People could use the pictures she has. Should we connect to other civic associations? We could send letters out to other associations to see if they would let a member visit a meeting.
- Suggested: Ridge, Centereach, Yaphank, Gordon Heights, and Terryville.
- We should take out “Lester ~~David Homestead~~H. Davis House” and put “Davis Town Meeting House”. We talked about where we could make presentations.
- A plant sale was suggested and decided upon. It will be on May 17 with a rain date of May 18.
 - The committee:
 - Kathy
 - Bonnie
 - Barbara
 - Maryanne
 - Margaret and Kathy will co-chair
 - Betsy
 - Jean
 - Chris and Jeff offered to help set up and tables.
- Talked about a September date for the yard sale. September 13 and 14 as a rain date was decided upon.
- Maryanne asked for a “wish list”:
 - Chain link gate taken down
 - Cover stairs
 - Take down broken shed and remove valuable items we keep to the smaller shed
 - Stone Step
 - Cemetery needs to be cleaned again
 - Mow lawn
 - Remove homeless camp site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Bloomer
Recording Secretary