

Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

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

Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Douglas	Mildred Zimmermann	Barbara Hoff	Suzanne Johnson
Chris Reilly	Vana McClure	Steve Lucas	
Diane Cardello	Jean Hartling	Ellen Kushner	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes The minutes were approved with spelling corrections. Steve Lucas moved to accept and Barbara Hoff seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report Chris Reilly noted we have \$10,732.37 in our treasury as of the close of business September 30, 2019. This included the \$5,000 toward kitchen renovation and \$837.96 from our community yard sale and craft fair held on Davis House grounds.

Membership Report Barbara Hoff noted we now have 106 paid members.

Historian's Report Millie had a Blue Ribbon that Alma Davis had won in Riverhead Fair. No other details were available about the ribbon.

Old Business

1. Our President, Maryanne Douglas noted that we made \$837.96 at yard sale after expenses. Our discussion included improvements we could make for next year.
 - a. We will get out advertisement 3- 6 months in advance of event.
 - b. We will save money by not having the Third Regiment at this event as we will have them in the October 2020 Hay Burning re-enactment.
 - c. We will have the vendor tables in the front of the house.
 - d. The Harbormen will use the front porch as a stage. We will also set up twenty seats in front of the house.
 - e. We will put the banner on the lawn closer to the street on wooden posts to advertise our sale. Chris will create wooden pole to attach the banner to the poles.
 - f. We will have Davis House Marketing related items for sale. Members would like Davis House tee shirts that we can wear at events to advertise our Society to make the community more aware.
 - g. We would like the Long Island Llama Livestock Company and Yarn Farm to participate next year.
 - h. We will set up nicer items for sale in a boutique setting inside the house.
 - i. We will have the Raffles table outside the Clerk's Room in the house.
 - j. We would like a food truck and an ice cream vender along with selling hot pretzels.
 - k. The date for sale next year is September 19, 2019.
2. The newsletter has several articles and will go out soon. Thanks to Suzanne.
3. Robert Kessler supplied a written progress report on the house.
 - a. Work included floor installation and finishing trim. Bob requested that the Town install weather stripping on doors, electrical work, plaster and trim work and installation of deadbolt locks on all but the front door.

4. We will have just two paid presenters in the new calendar year to save on expenses. We would like to join up with other historical societies to share the cost of the presenters.

New Business

1. Maryanne noted our next meeting will be November 4, 2019. She worked on the calendar for next year.
2. Our Victorian Tea fundraiser will be held May 2, 2020.
3. Suzanne and Barbara volunteered for the painting committee to choose paint colors for the house.
4. It was noted that we pay the Town of Brookhaven \$1 annually for the licensing agreement on the house. Chris noted that checks have not been cashed by TOB and is following up with Ed Morris.
5. We have a beautiful bookcase donated for the Clerk's Office.
6. Next Friday, October 11, the Coram Hay Burning Committee meets in the Davis House at 6PM.

Open Discussion

1. We discussed buying green tablecloths, so our community events have a more cohesive presentation.
2. Purchase of Tee shirts for members was discussed. Best sourcing was discussed.
3. County Wide Ice Cream was discussed as a vender for our yard sale.

Barbara moved we adjourn at 8:10 PM, Steve seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Cardello