

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of August 25, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

Members attending: Marilyn Burch, Lee Jamison, Richard Anderson and Karen Hummel

The meeting was held at the railroad station and began a little after 9:00. Richard made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Lee. Marilyn reported that since July, sales at the Farmers' Market have brought in \$191.00 and the Coffee Corner has made \$132.52. Lee observed that sweets sell. The committee had a number of suggestions for using the station, such as an exhibit of photos of Stuyvesant - Ron said he could check with Town Historian, Juanita Knott - and another art show, such as Phil Bickerton's chickens. Karen reminded us that she has railroad photos from Dale Flansburg and offered that the student art show would need a gallery in April. We intend to have the haunted house again and hopefully can have the hay ride from the Town Hall. Lee said that she approached Dan Schoonover, who shows classic movies at the Library, and asked about showing a railroad movie. A slide show could be created. Activities at the station help draw people to the farmers' market.

Ron reported on the results of the town survey. Although some would have it sold, we do have general support for the station. Having activities here has helped. He stated that the survey itself showed how difficult it is to make a survey. People didn't understand the numbering system, but their written comments are interesting and Ron suggested we have a meeting to read through them. We decided on September 14, at 7:00, after the farmers' market.

Ron and Val met with DOT to discuss the grant. They liked our use of the building as a community center and were OK with building an outdoor restroom. Ron showed the building to a local contractor (Cavagnaro) to see what work he thought needed to be done. He also spoke to the architect about projects that need work soon. A lot of the bricks on the outside are deteriorating. The new brick needs pointing, although it is structurally sound. Finishing the windows would be part of the grant. There are still pieces missing that would have to be re-manufactured. All projects covered by the grant have to be open for bids from everywhere and we can not give preference to local craftsmen. There was no report on the Rheinstrom Hill Foundation Grant.

The electrification project could happen any day now. Richard and Cal have started painting woodwork and the door looks wonderful. So far it is only the primer coat.

Ron has requested a line item in next year's budget for the railroad station to cover up-keep and maintenance. Once there is electricity, there will be a monthly charge, for example. He reported that for insurance purposes, the station's replacement value has been set at \$144,000.

Marilyn pointed out that graffiti had been painted on the south side of the station. She requested that the resident deputy patrol there more frequently. Michael Locker has offered to clean it off. He has been mowing the lawn and using the weed-whacker to keep the area tidy. Karen had more great ideas for fund raisers such as an ice cream social or a strawberry festival in the spring. Our next meeting will be on September 15 at 9:00 a.m. Karen made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Burch

