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Town of Red Hook

ST. MARGARET'S HOME COMMITTEE

MINUTES: October 24, 2012

Members Present: Chairman Paul Fredricks, Kathy Douris, Rosemarie Zengen and Linda Keeling

Absent: Patrick Hildenbrand, Ralph Frisenda, Town Councilman Harry Colgan (Liaison), Paula Schoonmaker (consultant), John Kuhn (consultant)

Guests: none

Chairman Fredricks opened the meeting at 4:04 pm.

Old Business:

1. Minutes Approval: Rosemarie Zengen handed out copies of the minutes she did for the September 26th meeting. The members read the minutes and noted several corrections. There were several grammatical and spelling errors noted. Points of errors included the \$150 payment for the Hardscrabble tent to include the Tree Commission, Chairman Nancy Guski not the St. Margaret's Committee. Under reference to the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG), offered by the Preservation League, \$3,000 grant due Oct. 1, Linda Keeling noted that she did not volunteer her services but rather could do the grant quickly for the \$500.

Motion: *Chairman Paul Fredricks motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections, Kathy Douris seconded, all agreed.*

Rosemarie Zengen will need to give the corrected minutes to Town Clerk Sue McCann to digitally scan for posting on the town's website.

Chairman Paul Fredricks will meet with Lara Hart to get any paperwork and memberships she has which can be put into our filing cabinet in the Town Clerk's office.

2. Secretary: Chairman Fredricks again requested from the town a secretary to take the minutes. He was told there is no one from the secretarial pool to do it. He designated Linda Keeling for this time and will investigate to see if Linda and Rosemarie Zengen can be paid for fulfilling this paid position.

3. Garaged Artifacts Review and Inventory: Chairman Paul Fredricks said that John Kuhn wanted the garage cleared so the workers could store materials. Wint Aldrich called Paul Fredricks to quickly assess the materials. Linda Keeling was not called to participate in the review as originally designated. The two decided that the materials are not worth saving and could be sold for scrap. The materials identified by Andrew Pope can be stored inside the St. Margaret's building to be displayed in the far future.

New Business

1. Porch Repairs: Member Kathy Douris noticed recently that there was a red roll-out dumpster at St. Margaret's home with about ten men going in and out of the building. She noted from her past construction background that a red container means asbestos hazardous waste. She asked if any of the members were aware of this activity going on at the home. No one was officially made aware of this work. Members feel we are still not being informed ahead of activities related to this building. Kathy Douris also noted that asbestos removal is extremely expensive to remediate. It can run over \$100,000 to do it properly. No one had any idea of where the asbestos was being removed from the building. No written progress or oral work intention report was delivered to the Chairman prior to work taking place on this building. Members feel there is still a pervasive lack of communication from the liaison, Councilman Harry Colgan, and the consultants Paula Schoonmaker and John Kuhn. Members feel we must be informed before the fact so we may reasonably participate and assess any activities related to this building and its relationship within restoration standards as a receiver of State grant monies.

Chairman Paul Fredricks noted that Paula and John were hoping to start the porch last month but for some reason the State requires you to wait 19 days after the paperwork is received.

2. Potential New Members: Chairman Paul Fredricks noted that Wayne Hildenbrand has not been to several meetings probably due to his heavy job-related work load. Paul will contact him to see if he wants to continue or submit a resignation. If that is the case, we will need a replacement and another slot is still open for a total of seven members for this Committee. Members will think about two new member names to submit.

3. Andrew Pope's Eagle Scout Project: Chairman Paul Fredricks received and read to the group a letter from Mr. Robin Van Pelt concerning letters of recommendation for Andrew Pope's Eagle Scout qualification. Everyone was delighted with Andrew's handling of the project in such a mature manner for his age and the quality of the work product. Chairman Paul Fredricks will compose a letter for this Committee and get letters also from John Kuhn and Wint Aldrich. Andrew plans on graduating high school at 17, go to a naval college, become a commissioned marine and study international trade. We were all impressed with his work ethics and future aspirations.

4. Thank You Notes: Rosemarie Zengen volunteered to follow-up with personal thank you notes to all the businesses that supported our Committee for Hardscrabble Day. She is still owed \$49 for the frame and magnetic sign.

5. Website: Linda Keeling asked what is happening with the website. Chairman Paul Fredricks said he will contact Dick Wambach about how to technically upgrade the site's information.

6. Adjournment:

MOTION: *Rosemarie Zengen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Douris seconded, all agreed.*

7. Concluded: The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

8. Next Meeting: There may or may not be a meeting on **Wed. November 28th** as it is close to the Thanksgiving holiday. If a meeting is needed Chairman Fredricks will call a special meeting. There will be *no meeting in December* as it is the day after Christmas.

Submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, Secretary