

Town of Red Hook

St. Margaret's Committee

Minutes: May 23, 2013

Attendance: Chairperson Paul Fredricks, Ralph Frisenda, Rosemarie Zengen, Town Board Liaison- James Ross

Absent: Kathleen Douris, Patrick Hildenbrand, Paula Schoonmaker (no report)

Guests: None

Location: Red Hook Town Hall (Supervisor's Assistant's Office)

Call to Order: Chairperson Paul Fredricks called the meeting to order at 7:05. There was a quorum.

Minutes: There was one correction to The April 25, 2013 minutes. On Page 1. under "Old Business". It was not John Douglas who told Trilby Sieverding she could not be on The ZBA and The St. Margaret's Committee. John Douglas' name will be omitted. Chairman Fredricks will look into why Trilby Sieverding cannot be on both committees.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dr. Ross, our Town Board Liaison, does not care whether we meet at 4 PM or 7 PM for our meetings. He would just like to receive all minutes if he is not in attendance.
2. **The Arbor/Earth Day Celebration** was recapped. Everyone enjoyed the day. Rosemarie Zengen was congratulated for doing such a professional job of coordinating the whole event.
 - \$154.00 was collected at The St. Margaret's Booth, which was manned all day by Ralph Frisenda. He was congratulated. (Raffle = \$107.00, Membership = \$46.00, Donations = \$1.00). The monies were submitted to Debbie Coons on 4/29/13.
 - Rosemarie Zengen is still in the process of collecting monies to donate to Len Miller and The Gentle Giants 4H Club for doing such a wonderful job providing the horses and carriages for The Arbor/Earth Day Celebration. Pledges so far include: \$100.00 from The Town of Red Hook Tree Commission, \$50.00 from Dr. James Ross, \$20.00 from Marcy Appell, \$100.00 from County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro. We are hoping that Dr. Ross can talk to The Town Board and see if a donation is possible from The Town. It's very expensive to keep and shoe horses. All Donations to The Gentle Giants 4H Club would be greatly appreciated.
 - The Band (\$200.00) was paid for by Northwind Farms and Migliorelli Farms.
 - Rosemarie Zengen stated that Supervisor Sue Crane had called her after The Celebration and congratulated The St. Margaret's Committee and Rosemarie Zengen

for doing such a “detailed and extraordinary job.” Ralph Frisenda suggested we send Supervisor Crane a letter stating “how grateful we are as volunteers when we are commended by The Supervisor and The Town Board.” Chairperson Fredricks asked that Rosemarie Zengen write the above mentioned letter.

- Chairperson Nancy Guski stated at the last Town of Red Hook Tree Commission meeting that she would like to celebrate Arbor/Earth Day 2014 at The Red Hook Recreational Park. No one at The St. Margaret's meeting felt that was a good idea (visible location and The Luncheon in the open pavillion at The Recreational Park would alienate people who were not volunteers, but who would like to share in the The Luncheon). The Luncheon is supposed to be for volunteers only. Chairperson Fredricks received a proclamation from The State of New York. It read, “The Dutchess County Legislature hereby recognizes Paul Fredricks for his countless hours of dedication to our community and his work as Chairperson of The St. Margaret's Historic Home Committee.” The Proclamation was signed by Benjamin Traudt on April 27, 2013. Chairman Fredricks also received a Proclamation from County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro for the same dedicated volunteerism.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Margaret's Home Floor Plan

It was agreed that a new letter should be written to The Town Board stating what The Committee's aspirations for The St. Margaret's Home are.

- A. It was agreed by all that we would like to see The Main Floor used for Red Hook Community purposes (meetings, lectures, celebratory events, community activities). The Second Floor should be rented out to Non-Profit Organizations so that the historic site could maintain itself financially without using additional taxpayer dollars. Winty Aldridge and Chairman Fredricks had stated that The Basement be used to store archives and such because it is constructed of stone.
- B. Chairman Fredricks asked Rosemarie Zengen to draft a letter to The Town Board stating our aspirations. The letter would have to be okayed by the majority of The Committee Members. Rosemarie Zengen stated she would draft the letter.

2. New Membership

- A. Dr. Ross will look into how many committee members should sit on The St. Margaret's Committee.
- B. It was discussed whether Paula Schoonmaker and John Kuhn were considered members because they're on St. Margaret's Construction Advisory Committee. Chairman Fredricks stated “they are not members, but construction advisors and Town Employees.”
- C. All Members Present looked over the sketch of the new membership cards. Ralph Frisenda made a motion that “we should have 100 cards printed at F&M Printing ASAP.” they should follow the prototype Dick Wambach designed for us (Black Print on Ivory Stock). No year should be printed on the card, but yearly membership should be printed on the card. Chairman Fredricks seconded the motion. All Agreed.

3. **Hardscrabble Day 2013** (September 21, 2013)

- A. Rosemarie Zengen asked The Committee Members if they wanted to, participate and have a booth as usual in front of The Barights (Old Telephone Company Building) Property on North Broadway. Ralph Frisenda made a motion that we participate in Hardscrabble Day, but that we give further thought to where our booth will be. Chairman Fredricks seconded the motion. All Agreed.
- B. Rosemarie Zengen asked if we should consider having 2 trees planted at St. Margaret's on Hardscrabble Day. One Tree dedicated to Winty Aldridge and One Tree dedicated to George Hildenbrand. Chairman Fredricks and Dr. Ross felt that "George Hildenbrand's Tree be planted at The New Highway Garage and that Winty Aldridge's Tree be planted at St. Margaret's." Ralph Frisenda made the above mentioned motion. Rosemarie Zengen seconded it. All agreed.
- C. Chairman Fredricks stated that perhaps "we could sell prints of Dennis Griffin's wonderful sketch of St. Margaret's on Hardscrabble Day to raise some funds for The Committee." Chairman Fredricks made the motion. Ralph Frisenda seconded it. All agreed. We will have to ask Dennis Griffin if he has another original. Perhaps Paula Schoonmaker can find the original one that Dennis Griffin gave The Committee. Each print should sell for between \$15.00 and \$20.00 unframed and \$25.00- \$30.00 framed Rosemarie Zengen stated. We will discuss it further at the next meeting.

4. **A Design of The Floor Plan**

- A. Dr. Ross felt that if The Committee put their conceptual aspirations for what St. Margaret's should be used for into a Floor Plan; it would be easier for The Town Board to make a decision on St. Margaret's Future. Dr. Ross stated when grants become available, it will be easier to get one if we have a floor plan.
- B. Rosemarie Zengen stated perhaps Leo Sieverding would volunteer his services. Chairman Fredricks felt that maybe a student could work on a Floor Plan as part of an educational curriculum. Dr. Ross felt that perhaps Phil Seymour should be contacted because of his expertise in building. Rosemarie Zengen said she would contact Phil Seymour about it.

5. **The Red Hook Farmer's Quarterly**

- A. All Advertisements and articles in *The Red Hook Farmer's Quarterly* are complimentary. Rosemarie Zengen feels St. Margaret's is a worthy cause, and of interest to The Community. The Quarterly is a good idea, a good advertising vehicle for raising money for The Committee. All Agreed.
- B. Rosemarie Zengen offered to write a story about The Arbor/Earth Day Celebration and St. Margaret's Home for The July- September Issue. All Agreed it was a good idea. The Committee would have a chance to review the article before it was printed.

Adjournment:

Ralph Frisenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Fredricks seconded it. All Agreed.

* The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is June 27, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie Zengen
Acting Secretary