

Town of Red Hook

St. Margaret's Committee

Minutes: August 28, 2013

Attendance: Chairman Paul Fredricks, Kathy Douris, Ralph Frisenda, Rosemarie Zengen

Absent: Patrick Hildenbrand

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Paul Fredricks called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. There was a quorum present.

MOTION: Kathleen Douris made a motion to accept the July, 2013 minutes. Ralph Frisenda seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Kathy Douris wanted to revisit how many times The Red Hook Village Police patrol St. Margaret's. She wanted to know how much is paid by The Town and The Village for The Red Hook Village Police. Rosemarie Zengen stated she would look into it and get back to her. Ralph Frisenda mentioned that The Town of Red Hook pays for the Village Police, The Dutchess County Sheriffs and The NYS Troopers. Somehow he felt this was a duplication of services. Rosemarie Zengen stated she would speak to Patrick Hildenbrand and get back to them.
2. As suggested by Dr. James Ross, St. Margaret's liaison on The Town Board, Phil Seymour and Chairman Fredricks are going to get together the first week in October, 2013. They are going to discuss a possible Floor Plan for St. Margaret's.
3. James Mulchaey from The Poughkeepsie Paranormal Investigators e-mailed Chairman Fredricks and stated they would come and do a Paranormal Investigation at St. Margaret's Home at Our Committee's

request. However, Chairman Fredricks wants us to ask Dr. Ross to get and okay from The Red Hook Town Board prior to any investigation being done. Chairman Fredricks, being a realtor, was also concerned that if a murder had occurred at St. Margaret's it would have to be reported.

4. Rosemarie Zengen has spoken with Paula Schoonmaker and Ms. Schoonmaker stated that \$5700.00 (fifty-seven hundred dollars) had been spent on lightning rods for St. Margaret's Home. Our Committee has raised, to date, \$1,667.00 (one thousand six hundred sixty seven dollars) according to Debbie Coon.
5. Trilby Sieverding will not be able to sit on The St. Margaret's Committee. "She's far too busy to take on another appointment" was what she stated to Rosemarie Zengen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rosemarie Zengen stated that she would like to donate a wreath for St. Margaret's Door for The Holidays. Chairman Fredricks and Kathy Douris thought that that would be a bad idea because it would encourage trespassing. The idea was dropped.
2. Although, we have written several letters to The Town Board concerning our objectives and goals for The St. Margaret's Home; we have still not heard any response. Rosemarie Zengen stated she would speak to Dr. Ross and Sue Crane about the letters and our objectives.
3. Kathy Douris suggested we try to raise money by circulating a brochure similar to the one we've all recently received from Wilderstein. Chairman Fredricks, Kathy Douris, and Ralph Frisenda stated no real fund-raising could be done until The Committee was able to convey "what the goals for St. Margaret's Home were." They stated you can't receive money from Red Hook residents until they know what they're giving the money for. Rosemarie Zengen stated, "she will run a complimentary advertisement in The Red Hook Farmer's Quarterly for St. Margaret's Home because every little bit helps." All members agreed and thanked her.
4. The Town Board is going to make an application for a Block Grant

for sidewalks on the East Side of Route 9 in The Town of Red Hook. Rosemarie Zengen feels that eventually they'll want to put sidewalks in front of St. Margaret's. She read a letter that she had written to The Town Board from The St. Margaret's Committee. She made a motion that the letter be presented to The Town Board at an upcoming comment period. Ralph Frisenda seconded the motion. All Agreed. The letter reads as follows:

To: The Red Hook Town Board

Re: Sidewalks on The East Side of The Route 9 Corridor in The Town of Red Hook

We, The Members of The St. Margaret's Committee, having voted on this issue, feel that sidewalks in this corridor are unnecessary. We feel that grant monies should be used for historical preservation. We would not like to see sidewalks constructed in front of St. Margaret's at a later date. Please feel free to attend any of our meetings for further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Paul Fredricks
Kathleen Douris
Ralph Frisenda
Patrick Hildenbrand
Rosemarie Zengen

5. Hardscrabble Day Discussion

A) Rosemarie Zengen stated that she would bring 3 jars for St. Margaret's: one for donations, one for new membership, and one for a raffle. She stated she would put the Raffle Basket together by asking different businesses for gift certificates. Rosemarie Zengen would also ask County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro and Village Mayor Ed Blundell for a certificate stating they would take The Raffle Winner out to lunch and pay the check. *Ralph Frisenda made a motion to do The Raffle and the jars to raise some money for St. Margaret's. Chairman Fredricks seconded the motion. All were in favor.* Kathy Douris stated she would make her delicious brownies to sell on Hardscrabble Day.

B) *Chairman Fredricks made a motion that whatever monies Rosemarie Zengen received for Hardscrabble Day be used to pay for a tent for the event and not for a Horse and Carriage in the Parade. Ralph Frisenda seconded the motion. Rosemarie Zengen was the only one who voted "no."*

Chairman Fredricks motion passed.

C) Chairman Fredricks appointed Kathy Douris and Ralph Frisenda to collect monies on Hardscrabble Day and pass out St. Margaret's literature.

Adjournment

Ralph Frisenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15PM. Rosemarie Zengen seconded the motion. All Agreed.

Our Next Meeting will be in October. Time to be set by Chairman Paul Fredricks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemarie Zengen