

Town of Red Hook

St. Margaret's Committee

Minutes: January 19, 2015

*Committee Members waited at The Grange Hall until 3:15. The Grange Hall had a previous engagement planned. Rosemarie Zengen called Town Hall. Claire Horst said it was okay to meet at Town Hall.

Attendance: Mike Brown, Ralph Frisenda and Rosemarie Zengen

Guests: Christina Zengen

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

Call to Order: Ralph Frisenda called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. There was a quorum.

MOTION: Mike Brown made a motion to accept the December 2014 minutes. Ralph Frisenda seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mike Brown commented on how well "The St. Margaret's Committee Helps Celebrate Winterfest 2014" article appeared in "The Red Hook Farmer's Quarterly" for The January-March 2015 edition.
2. Rosemarie Zengen stated that 21 more surveys had arrived by mail concerning St. Margaret's.
3. Rosemarie Zengen, stated that Sue McCann and Claire Horst had left all the photographs of Winterfest 2014 with The St. Margaret's Committee left up on the bulletin board until the middle of January 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

1. County Executive Marcus Molinaro and Rosemarie Zengen calculated the 332 surveys concerning St. Margaret's that had been received by The Committee. The actual number of responses for each question were counted by Kathy Douris and Rosemarie Zengen. County Executive Molinaro, who is extremely competent in reviewing surveys, gave percentage rates for the number answered for each question. All Committee Members were grateful for The County Executive's time.
2. Rosemarie Zengen stated that although she was very happy with the number of people who responded; it was not a genuinely scientific survey, "but it was a great start." She asked The Committee if the findings of 332 surveys was enough to approach the Town Board with. Mike Brown and Ralph Frisenda stated that was more than enough. Rosemarie Zengen stated that surveys were still coming in.
3. Ralph Frisenda liked that The Survey stated the majority of The Public answered St. Margaret's should be used for "A Senior Assistance and Information Center" and "Non-Profit Organization Rentals."
4. Rosemarie Zengen was especially pleased that 66.5 % of those surveyed "were generally satisfied with the direction things are going in The Town of Red Hook. It shows The Red Hook Town Board, The Planning Board, The Zoning Board etc. are doing a good job."
5. Ralph Frisenda stated that he was pleased that the majority surveyed answered "Senior Services" first. Rosemarie Zengen added that The County has so many brochures and avenues for assistance and that many seniors need to see the brochures and have them explained by dedicated volunteers. All Agreed.
6. *Mike Brown made a motion that Rosemarie Zengen prepare the actual survey findings and letter to be presented to The Red Hook Town Board from The St. Margaret's Committee at the February 2015 meeting. Ralph Frisenda seconded the motion. All Agreed.*
7. Rosemarie Zengen stated she knows a gentleman who would like to be on The St. Margaret's Committee. Mike Brown stated he knew someone as well. Ralph Frisenda stated they should send their letters of interest to The Red Hook Town Board. Rosemarie Zengen stated she would speak to Supervisor Sue Crane about relieving Patrick Hildenbrand of his position on The Committee since he has no time to attend meetings.
8. Mike Brown stated he would speak to his friend, Jim, about assisting us in writing a grant after we received feedback from The Town Board regarding our Survey Findings.
9. Rosemarie Zengen stated that she would be meeting with Senator Sue Serino in March and would ask The Senator for her input and assistance

on possible grants available for The St. Margaret's Home.

Adjournment

Ralph Frisenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 PM. Mike Brown seconded the motion. All Agreed.

Our Next Meeting will be on February 26, 2015 at 3 PM at The Grange Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemarie Zengen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rosemarie Zengen