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**ST. MARGARET'S COMMITTEE**

Minutes of meeting  
November 23, 2010

Members present: Chairwoman Paula Schoonmaker, Michael Brown, Linda Keeling, Rosemarie Zengen Absent: Amy Dubin

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary

Chairwoman Paula Schoonmaker called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M. She noted that there were no meetings for September 2010 or October 2010, and asked for discussion and approval of the minutes for the August 24, 2010 meeting. Linda Keeling noted that in the last sentence under GARAGE on page 2, Doug Strawinski said.... The minutes of the August meeting were approved as corrected with a motion made by Rosemarie Zengen and seconded by Linda Keeling.

**HARDSCRABBLE DAY REVIEW:** Paula Schoonmaker complimented Rosemarie Zengen on all her work for the Hardscrabble Day programs and presentations, and thanked Michael Brown and Linda Keeling and all who helped with them. Paula said that the day was a good success and a good time.

Rosemarie Zengen reported that she has received many accolades and comments about the work being done on St. Margaret's Home. She noted that Clara Cook wants to write an article about St. Margaret's Home for the "Hudson Valley Sampler" and "About Town." Rosemarie Zengen spoke with Hardscrabble Day coordinator Ed Blundell and told him that the Tree Committee decided that for every Hardscrabble Day it would plant a tree. Rosemarie acknowledged all the work that Tree Committee Chairwoman Nancy Guski did to purchase and plant the tree, which was dedicated as the Hannaford's Tree. She noted that the event really told that community who the St. Margaret's Committee is and about the history, importance and plans for the Home.

Michael Brown said that the signs for the Committee could be saved and reused. One was donated by Michael, and one by the Hardscrabble Day Committee. Rosemarie added that the St. Margaret's Committee should plan a booth for every Hardscrabble Day.

**CLEAN-UP AT ST. MARGARET'S HOME SITE:** Paula Schoonmaker gave a report from advisor John Kuhn that he and his helpers have been busy mowing and doing leaf pick-up. Linda Keeling asked whether they were composting. Paula answered that the composting is being done at the Recreation Park.

**PHOTOS OF SMALL BARN:** Paula Schoonmaker reported that Bill Sandy, who was the archeologist for the Hannaford Site Plan approval, has photos from 2000 showing the little barn before it fell down.

Rosemarie Zengen asked who actually applied for the Historic Site Status for St. Margaret's Home. Linda Keeling replied that Alan Neuman of Hudson River Heritage made the application.

**WEBSITE:** Paula Schoonmaker reported that Dick Wambach, who does the website, also designed the brochure for the Hannaford's Tree dedication ceremony, as well as the roster of speakers. Paula asked if Committee members had viewed the website and had comments or additions. She noted that there is room for more links, and she will give photos of the tree dedication ceremony to Dick for the website.

Rosemarie Zengen wanted to add to the website that Dennis Griffin did the sketch of St. Margaret's Home used for the brochure. She added that she would like to write a note to Dick Wambach thanking him for the nice work on the website and brochure, and that she would like to do it on St. Margaret's Committee stationery.

**ARCHITECT'S PLANS:** Linda Keeling asked about the status of the architect's plans. Paula Schoonmaker replied that Stephen Tilly Architects had created some bid documents for getting the roof done, but they were not what the Town wanted. Michael Brown suggested that at least if the bid documents were prepared, the Town could be prepared for warmer weather if the work couldn't be done now. Paula said that some roof work might be able to be done if the weather is okay.

**USE OF ST. MARGARET'S INTERIOR SPACES:** Michael Brown suggested that it would be terrific if the Committee would be able to recreate a reflection of the original use of St. Margaret's, an area showing how the girls lived – their bedding, clothing school supplies, etc. Committee members discussed if this would be an appropriate use, or take space that could be used by other functions. Michael noted that there has been some interest in space from non-profit organizations. Rosemarie Zengen thought that the recreation of the original use could be done through pictures, rather than a dedicated space. Linda Keeling said that it would be a good idea to have a space for teenagers in the basement. She also noted that senior citizens have no space now, and it would be positive to have an intergenerational mix.

Rosemarie Zengen suggested a common room or conference room, noting that Paul Fredericks had done a survey of what was needed for space in the Red Hook-Rhinebeck area, and a conference room was one suggestion that came up. Paula Schoonmaker said that the Committee will set goals for next year, and that one should be addressing handicapped accessibility. Michael Brown said that a discussion of all the various proposed uses and functions should define what the goals will be.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 4 P.M. at the Town Hall

**\*\*Note: The December 26, 2010 meeting is cancelled due to lack of quorum\*\***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!