



Claverack Historical Society

Minutes

April 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Zasorin at 5:38. Present were Gary Davis, Paula Ptaszek, Jeane LaPorta, Bob LaPorta, Sal Cozzolino.

The minutes of the March 19th meeting were sent previously. Having no corrections or additions the minutes were approved as sent and filed in the secretary's book.

The first item on the agenda was a check in on progress. The member renewal letter and updated brochure were sent to the existing distribution list of members. Bob volunteered to review and update the list. Paula will make some adjustments to the brochure and send it to Nick and Gary as PDF. Paula volunteered to obtain a quote from Pro Printer to have the brochures printed.

The Society's email link, which is Claverackhistoricalsociety@gmail.com is not functional on the website. Jeane will ask Nate Schram, to take a look at that and about adding an archive tab where older posts could be moved but remain accessible.

The vacant third trustee seat was discussed. Several nominees were suggested. A vote was taken to have Paula ask Richard Bazelow.

Recruitment was discussed in terms of the best way to reach interested membership. In person opportunities, such as a couple hours in front of the post office, were considered. It was agreed that the brochure needs to be fine-tuned before a mass-mailing. Nick has information on obtaining a mailing list from the post office. That will be considered once the materials are fine-tuned and professionally printed. It may cost about \$600.00 for the mailing list. Paula will bring the CHS member letter and brochures to the Claverack Library History Room meeting, April 28th to recruit members. It was noted that programs generate membership among attendees.

The Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack Cemetery tour will take place on Saturday, June 7 at 2PM. Sal volunteered to act as tour guide for the event. Nick will contact the church for necessary permissions and paperwork, and he will ask the refreshment committee if they are interested in providing simple refreshments in keeping with the era, such as tea, scones. Nick volunteered to write up the PR for this event. It will be posted to the Claverack History Minute and I'm From Claverack Facebook pages, Imby, and in the local papers. This event will also be the first event for Claverack in keeping with the America 250 initiative.



Gary spoke with _____ at Klocke Estate and arranged to meet next week with the principle there about having an event. They have hosted distillery tours and tastings. Gary will report about this and possible dates for an event there, at the next meeting.

The funds being held in a fiduciary account for "Claverack Pathways" that was generated in 2019 will revert to the fiduciary if not claimed. Gary will speak with them to find out if there is any chance those funds could be transferred to the Society. In order for that to happen the 501c3 will need to be in place. The interim charter needs to be approved first.

The next meeting of the Claverack Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30PM at the Claverack Library History Room and by Zoom.

J. LaPorta
Secretary

