

Van Riper Meeting -- 2/13/20

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

In attendance: Gina Somers, Janice Fraser, Dante intindola, Pat Wiliams, Peggy\_\_\_\_\_, John Demmer and Marion Butler

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Pat presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding changing/updating the by-laws. Dante would like a copy of the most recent set of by-laws. He would like to have them updated before he vacates his position. Pat said she would check with Sue Casale to see if she has any information. Janice will check with someone whe knows who works on by-laws for non-profits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of information required to apply for a grant.

- an audit is needed; Dante left a message for Caruso; he hasn't had a response
- the by-laws have to be correct

Discussion of what is basically required for work to be done on the house:

- the required qualifications need to be established for the professionals who will be required to work on the house -- architects, grant writers -- information will be sent to trade organizations

Peggy asked if the house has been officially declared a historical site; Dante said we have a certicicate of eligibility at the State level.

Dante is going to meet with the Historical Preservation Council. He will try to talk to Joe Haines and he's also in contact with the N.J. History Network -- he'll try to get referrals from them. Also, there are architectural students at local colleges who would be willing to work on this project. He will talk to professors.

Gina Somers suggested that information be put on the Nutley Parents' Facebook.

Gina knows an Eagle Scout who wants to do some work at the Van Riper house for his project. It should be something substantial

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for which he will organize the project including budgeting and fund raising (John and Dante will work with him). The project should be something that will create momentum.

Per Peggy, the Girl Scouts want to donate a plaque for the house commemorating their work.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- There was discussion about the number of people needed for directors and officers; are the positions required to be filled by a certain time; John asked Pat to check on the status of Dennis and Betty Dries.

-- Motion will be made at the next meeting to name a new secretary (I suggested Janice.)

-- Dante said a website has been donated by an engineering professor at Duke; he and Janice can work on some parts of it.

- Peggy can make up a Van Riper curriculum in English and Spanish.

-- Dante thinks there should be a graphic display for the 25 years of existence of the Van Riper Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Marion Butler*  
*Secretary*