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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING - FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. - March 13, 1978

The Third Annual Meeting of the Friends of Elmendorph, Inc. was held at the Elks Club, Route 9, Red Hook on Tuesday, March 13, 1978 at 8 PM. Presiding was Herman J. Gorgens, President who introduced the Board of Directors, Robert Bielenberg, Helen Garlinghouse, Lillian Gorgens (Treasurer), Paul Fredricks (Vice President), Richard Barrett and Rosemary Coons (Secretary)

Mr. Gorgens greeted the membership (there were about 70 who attended) and mentioned that the most outstanding thing that happened in 1978 was that we acquired ownership of the Elmendorph.

The Minutes were accepted as read.

The Treasurers report was approved and is attached hereto.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -- Membership -- Lottie Kittner reported that there were 145 paid members in 1977, and as a result of a membership letter mailed on February 21st, 1978, 120 new members have joined the Friends for the first time to date. Her report is attached to these minutes. Her membership goal is 10% of the population of the Town of Red Hook, 50% of the businesses and 100% of the organizations.

OLD BUSINESS -- The Preservation League of New York Annual Conference was held in Saratoga, April 15 through 17, 1977. Robert Bielenberg, Herman Gorgens, Lottie Kittner and Rosemary Coons attended.

Mr. Gorgens also explained the negotiations and terms of sale for the building which culminated on June 7, 1977.

NEW BUSINESS: The National Register application has been completed. We feel that we sent up a good package with a good chance for approval. A meeting is scheduled for April 6, at which time the New York State Board of Historic Preservation will decide whether to recommend to the State Historic Preservation Officer whether the Elmendorph should be nominated to the federal government. We are told that everything looks very promising.

BY-LAWS CHANGE The Membership voted to Change the By-Laws (ARTICLE II, Section 2) to read as follows: ANY PERSON SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION IN WRITING AND PAYING THE MEMBERSHIP FEE DECIDED UPON BY THE MEMBERSHIP, SHALL BE CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF THE CORPORATION.

This was done to preclude the necessity of voting in new members every year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- Clara Losee and Georgia Coon served on this committee. They reported that Lillian Gorgens has declined to serve again on the Board of Directors. They proposed that Joseph St John serve in her place together with the other Directors already on the Board. This was approved by the members present and the Secretary was authorized to cast one vote.

The new Board of Directors will meet on March 27, 1978, at which time new officers will be elected.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION was given to the following individuals:

Harold T. Fell, Sr. -- who obtained a \$1500 IBM grant and gave much time to repairing the garage.

the Rev. J. Elliott Lindsley -- for his outstanding personal involvement in 1977 in obtaining the building by meeting with the President of the Grand Union Company.

John Fish -- for a generous donation which made possible the down payment on the building.

William Walsh -- our attorney, who donated all of his very capable legal services from incorporating us to the final legal process of the purchase and filing of the deed and mortgage.

Lillian Gorgens -- out-going Treasurer, who was one of the original incorporators and did all the bookkeeping for three years.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP) was given to Geesoor Javanmardi from Iran and Sophie Demerle from France, A.F.S. students living in Red Hook this year.

ANNUAL AWARD -- The Annual Award for Preservation was given to the VILLAGE OF TIVOLI for recognizing and encouraging preservation. Joan Navins, Historian, accepted for the Village of Tivoli.

President Gorgens then introduced Raymond Ruge, architect, who was in the audience.

Emanuel Mangione announced that he was raffling an afghan that his mother had made for \$1.00 per chance with the proceeds going to the Elmendorph, after the cost of material had been deducted.

John Losee ~~then~~ showed several slides of Elmendorph activities within the past year.

Herman Gorgens then used an overhead projector to show proposed uses of the building. He mentioned that the concrete block garage had possibilities for use.

The meeting was then officially adjourned. Barbara Bielenberg ~~then~~ introduced a preservation film from Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary E. Coons
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Secretary