



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2009

Present: B. DaSilva, H. Center, B. Feinson, G. Smith, M. Schwartz, J. Cherry, H. Bechard, M. Burke
Absent: C. Rotello

Minutes of January meeting were accepted as mailed.

1. *Storyteller Moriah Vecchia* requested \$2,000. for a storytelling project to take place at the Danbury Library for young people and adults. There will be four presentations of one to two hours beginning on March 18 at 6:30 pm; May 9 at 2 pm, June 21 at 2 pm and Aug. 5 at 6 pm. and a workshop.

2. *Wm. Knight Foundation*: William Knight requested \$2,500 for a Black History Month Program. A group of young multi-ethnic children will perform dance and music using skills they acquired in their past summer camp experiences which also included poetry and film.. The event will take place Feb. 20 from 6 to 8 pm at the Lutheran School in Danbury.

DCC Sponsored Events: H. Center reported that the *Danbury Music Center's* Community Orchestra along with the Danbury High School Orchestra concert was very good and well attended.

B. DaSilva reported that the *First Night Danbury* event, on a cold and slippery night, had more attendance than he expected; lots of families and children. There was a series of film shorts at the Palace Theatre, music and other events downtown, a juggler and an ice sculptor all of them very good.

All those attending the Danbury Music Centre's Nutcracker Ballet felt it was the best yet. J. Cherry distributed free tickets, as in the past. Viewers felt the Messiah was well received. next year it will be held somewhere other than St. Peters, due to commitments of the church.

Other: B. DaSilva reported on his *meeting with City Hall* reporting on DCC programs and grants. They were determining whether city commissions should be continued and if so, for how long. The Cultural Commission tenure has been continued for five years.

Action Taken: Storyteller Moriah Vecchia. G. Smith moved we grant \$1,000, following a discussion. The motion was seconded and passed.

Wm. Knight Foundation: M. Schwartz moved we grant \$1,250 following a discussion. M. Burke seconded the motion which was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be March 23, 2009.

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