

Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority

7PM Meeting

May 3, 2011

Danbury Museum, Huntington Hall

43 Main Street

Danbury, CT 06810

In attendance: Mike Kallas, Robert Young, Kay Schreiber, Anne Harrigan, Barbara Roseland, Mike McLachlan, Levi Newsome and Brigid Guertin.

1. Welcome-President Robert Young (Bob)

Bob called the meeting to order at 5:35pm following the annual mtg.

A. April Minutes -MOTION Kay Schreiber made a motion to accept the April 2011 minutes, Barbara Rosseland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. President's Report- Bob stated that this last month has been a busy one for the museum and that DMHSA can look forward to an even busier month hosting the Danbury 3rd grades and 5th grades on site for a three week program funded by the Danbury Cultural Commission.

2. Finance Report-Brigid Guertin

Brigid confirmed museum bank account information, recent income and expenses. Again, the Board discussed the increasing uncertainty of the Danbury Museums financial picture and began to plan for a negative financial picture within the next several months. The Board discussed several options including cutting back staff hours (even further than what was instituted in July and then again in December 2010) and the possibility of furloughing the staff until funds are available to maintain payroll and all other museum expenses.

Discussion continued regarding other funding sources and the Boards desire not to furlough, if possible. MOTION, by Mike McLachlan, to hold the June meeting on Tuesday June 14th 2011 at 5pm at Chuck's Steakhouse to be followed by a strategic planning session. Anne Harrigan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Executive Director's Report-Brigid Guertin

Brigid spoke about recent tours, programs, volunteers, donations, and Diane Hassans outstanding efforts in the research department.

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4. Fundraisers-Brigid Guertin

The Magnificent Millinery exhibit and activities for spring, summer and fall 2011. Brigid discussed the "Sell your Gold" fundraiser on June 16, 17, 18. Brigid, again, asked for help, due to her reduced hours. in working certain events and helping with tours.

5. Old Business

No old business.

6. New Business

A. Trip to Boscobel was discussed by Kay. The trip is already booking attendees. Kay urged all board members to let thier friends and family know about this trip.

7. Adjournment-Anne Harrigan made a MOTION to adjourn, Barbara Rosseland seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Reminder, next meeting on Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 5pm at Chucks Steakhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigid Guertin

Executive Director