

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2014

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

In attendance; Paul Valeri, Anne Harrigan, Levi Newsome, Bob Young, Brigid Guertin, Erika Askin, Laurie Weinstein, Geoff Herald, Natalie Weise and prospective board member, Marian Hesemeyer.

President Erika Askin opened the meeting at 8:05am. Last months minutes were read and accepted by a motion from Paul Valeri and seconded by Bob Young. Erika Askin talked about the June Garden Party and the success of having brought in over \$5000.

Brigid Guertin gave a report on finances. Brigid and bookkeeper Nancy Hislop went over our finances at the half year to keep things in check. They reviewed last years to compare with this year. The audit has begun. This year should be clearer on how the monies can be best used.

We have two interns this summer who are working out very well. One is filing and the other is working in the Marian Anderson studio, redoing exhibits and freshening up the whole area. We will be applying for a grant to get a flat screen TV and Mac Mini to update programs. There will be three Marian Anderson programs on the Mac Mini. In the very near future we are going to have special programs from the studio.

The quilt exhibit is proving to be very popular. Rider House will be painted inside this winter, by volunteers. A Danbury carpenter has donated a tool box from the 1700's to the museum. Fairfield County giving day will be in March.

Bob Young made a motion that President Erika Askin, be allowed to sign checks and Michele Anderson be allowed to carry a museum key. Seconded by Anne Harrigan. All in favor.

The plans for our Gala are moving forward. We will be having a special committee meeting of the board on Wednesday July 16th at 8am in Huntington Hall about this.

Old Business; Bob Young talked about the archaeological dig at the ST. Playton Church in Danbury. Retired State Archaeologist Nick Belantoni was in charge of it. Several artifacts were found, some pieces of brass, melted stained glass and some Indian arrowheads.

Museum genealogist Diane Hasan submitted a wonderful article about Alfred A afraid of Hawk to the CT Explorer. Geoff Herald mentioned again to have CL&P come to the museum for free and update us with new energy efficient lightbulbs.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 7th in Huntington Hall at 8am.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15am

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Weise