

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Meeting Minutes – August 7, 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 were Erika Askin, Paul Valeri, Levi Newsome, Joretta Kilcourse, Robert Young and Natalie Weise. (Please note: Marian Hesemeyer and Elizabeth Hudson, recently appointed to the DMHSA Board, attended but were not able to vote. They will be sworn in later this morning at City Hall)

The meeting was called to order at 8:05am by President Erika Askin. There was not a quorum present.

Minutes from last month were read and reviewed.

Executive Director Brigid Guertin is on vacation and left the financial report and the draft of the FY 2013/14 audit for the board to look over.

Joretta Kilcourse, President of the Friends of the DMHSA, reported that membership is about 350 and reminders are being sent out. The Quilt Exhibit has been extremely popular. A new group has started up at the museum thanks to Joretta. Fabric Friends is the decided name. They will meet once a month to use the many bolts of donated fabric, to make quilts for donation to Danbury Hospital Praxair Cancer Center. Fairfield Processing donated two very large bolts of batting to pad the quilts. The 1836 very intricate quilt that we have on display was photographed and put on facebook. It was seen by someone in Australia and they have made contact with us that they would like to duplicate it.

The Marian Anderson studio has been painted and the interns completely revamped the displays. The change to the historic studio is admirable.

Bob Young reported that his burial record transcription project is almost complete..

Levi Newsome reported that he has the latest list of the boards membership with corrected e-mail, address and phone numbers. We will all get a copy.

The Board discussed the immediate, capital need to get the Rider House painted, driveway drainage fixed, and the driveway, in deplorable, hazardous condition, repaved soon. Options were discussed.

Bob Nickolari and Gil Litellier have volunteered to help the museum with carpentry projects. They will help with building a protective roof- like cover for the entrance to Huntington Hall for rain and ice to be diverted away from the steps.

Paul Valeri spoke on the Ives grant. Hopefully the state will approve the latest round of bid specification changes and the contract documents will be signed soon, so that the DMHSA can go out to bid on the project.

The date for our Gala will be **Friday, January 16, 2015**. Paul states that from September first we need to diligently start getting ready and to start sending notices out. We will be having a lot of auction items and raffles.

Levi let everyone know that Mike Kallas is leaving the board and is sending in his letter of resignation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Weise