

Danbury Museum and Historical Society

Meeting Minutes – October 2, 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, Robert Young, Anne Harrigan, Paul Valeri, Joretta Kilcourse, Bridgid Guertin, Michael Kallas, Marian Hesemeyer & Elizabeth Hudson.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by President Erika Askin.

Paul Valeri made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting and Anne Harrigan seconded the motion.

Brigid Guertin presented the financial report. Erika and Brigid informed the board that the Teddy Bear Tea is postponed for now and we will revisit doing it in the spring.

Notification of a donation (\$17,000. with restrictions) was received for the Charles Ives Birthplace, notification was presented by Board member Paul Valeri. A motion to accept the donation, with restriction for its use to the second phase of the Charles Ives Birthplace rehabilitation, was made by Bob Young and seconded by Mike Kallas. There was also discussion about the SHPO/DECD grant that Brigid is working on for this project.

Brigid explained her new working schedule (between the museum & the library) in respect to the position as City Historian, Mondays at the Library and Tuesdays at the museum, per her discussion October 1, 2014 with Library Director Lambert Shell. A motion to trial this schedule was made by Mike Kallas and seconded by Elizabeth Hudson.

Brigid talked about the formation of an official Hat City Day (December 2nd) where City residents will be encouraged to wear hats in celebration of our City. There is also a competition by local artists to design a new Hat City monument, possibly for placement on the City Center green. The winning design will be unveiled on Hat City Danbury day.

We will be moving the King St. school house to the museums Main Street property, there will be a vote at next month's board meeting as to where it will be placed.

There will be proposals for the new lighting at the museum next month and the board will be voting on which of these proposals we will accept at next month's board meeting.

The Hat City Ball will be held on January 16, 2015 and the next sub-committee meeting will be held on Thursday Oct. 9th.

Peoples Bank will be sponsoring the next business to business event for the Chamber of Commerce at the museum on October 29th 5:30-7:30 pm, the Board members are asked to attend to network with our local business people.

Diane Bell - Retired school and re-enactment cook has donated cast iron kitchen implements to the museum.

A motion to adjourn was made by Anne Harrigan and seconded by Bob Young, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Hesemeyer

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