

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Meeting Minutes – November , 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 Robert Young, Marian Hesemeyer, Natalie Weise ,Geoff Herald, Brigid Guertin, Elizabeth Hudson, Anne Harrigan, Paul Valeri, Ed Siergij

The meeting was called to order by Bob Young at 8:10am
The minutes from October were reviewed and a motion was made by Anne Harrigan to accept them, seconded by Marian Hesemeyer.

Financial Report. Brigid Guertin reported that we are doing better financially. We have several fundraisers coming up, the Holiday Tea, Hat City Ball in January, our gift shop is very well stocked with items, we have twenty two vendors signed up for the Holiday Shoppe.

Geoff Herald recommends we upgrade the heating system in Huntington Hall because of our exceptionally high heating costs. Marian Hesemeyer second this and Geoff will be looking into it. Natalie Weise made a motion to accept Brigid Guertin's financial report. Geoff Herald seconded.

Executive Directors report. Since July 1, 2014 FDMHSA has given over \$24,000 to the museum from various donations. Paul Valeri wants to develop a reserve line of cash for us to hold separately. Paul Valeri made a motion to add a new line item to the agenda for capitol reserve. Geoff Herald seconded. There will be two book signings in December. Mary Curran Hackett and Theresa Buzzaid. We will have a gentleman who will offer a singing program in the Anderson Studio. In the gift shop we have "Danbury Fair" related items. Special soda with fair names, T-shirts and magnets.

Corporate packs will be mailed out this week to potential sponsors for the Hat City Ball. They were created up by Elizabeth Hudson, Michele Amundsen and Diane Hassan. The Hat City Ball debut is getting excellent PR. The Ives House project is moving forward.

New Business. Brigid Guertin reported that she attended a meeting where the Hat City Monument was discussed and several plans of design were shown. Elizabeth Hudson suggested having a 5K race as a fundraiser. Geoff Herald made the motion for Elizabeth to look into this possibility. Paul Valeri seconded.

"Friends" approved an "end of year" fundraising appeal. GoGo Photo. Take pictures of how you decorate for the holidays, inside or outdoors and you could win two tickets to the Hat City Ball, your submitted picture in city hall, and a write up in our newsletter. From Thanksgiving to December 26th is when you can send in your picture.

On the 13th of January, from 4 to 6pm in the Rider House, there will be a "thank you" party to all who volunteer to help the museum.

Bob Nicolari and Gil Litellier are giving their time to the museum to build a new roof over the entrance doors to Huntington Hall, to help protect from inclement weather.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am

Respectfully submitted, Natalie Weise

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