

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2015

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 Natalie Weise, Levi Newsome, Anne Harrigan, Laurie Weinstein, Paul Valeri, Erika Askin, Brigid Guertin, Jeff Herald (via phone) and Elizabeth Hudson.

Meeting was called to order at 11:15am

Brigid Guertin asked everyone to read over December and January minutes for any corrections. Having a quorum at this February meeting Natalie Weise moved to accept the minutes and Paul Valeri second the motion. Minutes were approved.

Finance report from Brigid Guertin; the Hat City Ball proved to be a profitable fundraiser for us with a profit of \$34,000 from it. This will enable the museum to bring up to thirty five paid hours for Diane Hassan to do genealogy research and social media related work, which is very much in demand. Also, sixteen paid hours for Michele Amundson to work at the museum. Michele works with collections management. Laurie Weinstein made a motion for them to start this on Monday February 9th, it was seconded by Anne Harrigan. We have funds to continue work at the Ives home and put a little aside for dire emergencies.

Executive Director's report; the collections exhibit is up in the glass cases in Huntington Hall. This has been a big drawer of visitors. In June we will have a 1950's exhibit. There are no programs scheduled for May because of all the children's programs. The Buck Foundation is willing to let us apply this year for a grant. Anne Harrigan made a motion to apply to the Buck Foundation, the Danbury Cultural Commission and the Meserve Foundation for grants this spring and Paul Valeri seconded. All were in favor. A letter was signed to be sent to the Nonprofit Development Association thanking them for their donation to facilitate the second phase of the Ives house project. All events and programs are set for the year. March has "History" women's luncheon with a re enactor portraying Mark Twain's maid, Katie O'Leary. April is the wine tasting event.

School programming information went out to third and fifth grade teachers in Danbury. We have had a good response already. Bob Young will help get more volunteer re enactors for the fifth grade school program.

The Ives house basement is finished with the water mitigations taken care of. There were no footings. The sub contractor was capable and did his job properly.

Paul Valeri spoke about the Hat City Ball and that we are going to need to set up a committee just for this annual festivity. All were in agreement. Paul also suggested at up coming DMHSA meetings we all bring in suggestions for "Derby" level sponsors. Every one made positive comments about their experiences at the Hat City Ball. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Weise

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