

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall
Meeting Minutes – March 12, 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 Brigid Guertin, Joretta Kilcourse, Marian Hesemeyer, Erika Askin, Anne Harrigan, Natalie Weise, Levi Newsome, Robert Young, Elizabeth Hudson and Paul Valeri via phone.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00am. Marian Hesemeyer made a motion to accept February minutes, seconded by Anne Harrigan.

President Erika Askin announced that the plans for the wine tasting fundraiser on April 30 is progressing on time and that we will have a Garden Party on June 20 at her home.

Brigid Guertin gave the financial report. We are on the positive side for cash flow but we must be very careful for the coming year. The museum was invited to apply to the Buck Foundation for \$10,000. This was sent through the "Friends". The Danbury Library would like us to keep the News Times and NYT microfilm and readers at the museum. This, in turn, will bring more business to the museum. The museum is applying to Meserve Fund for electronics for the Marian Anderson studio and PC stations in Huntington Hall.

The News Times changed our fee structure so irrationally for our ads, that we are no longer able to advertise in the local newspaper. Michele Amundson is in charge of our collections and she informed us that the Connecticut Historical Society has come out with a revision for management policy. This policy will protect the collections and the museum. Brigid Guertin explained several prices of the policies offered. Robert Young made a motion to adopt a policy with a fee structure for digital and production rights. Seconded by Marian Hesemeyer. Robert Young has made a donation to the museum of a camera copy stand.

Joretta Kilcourse announced that we are down about fifty members in "Friends" Paul Valeri suggested a small fundraiser to help build back the membership, but at this time the museum's schedule is full. Discussion ensued concerning ways to boost membership

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Weise

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