

**Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall
Meeting Minutes – September 9, 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 Geoff Herald, Paul Valeri, Robert Young, Erika Askin, Levi Newsome, Anne Harrigan, Natalie Weise, Marian Hesemeyer, Brigid Guertin, Ed Siergiej, Elizabeth Hudson and Michael McLachlan.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 by President Herald. President Geoff Herald spoke on DMHS goals and of the breakdown of roles for each person. He stated that he expects each person to respect the others opinions and to work as a team with amicable conclusions. Minutes of last months' meeting were read with Anne Harrigan making a motion to accept. Erika Askin seconded and all were in agreement.

Finance report from Brigid Guertin. Monies are low right now because July and August are low months for fundraising, and highest for expenses. We have more staff but less expense with college volunteers. Our gold sale is coming up and we are hopeful this critical fundraiser will get us through until the holiday vendors start reserving their spaces.

School programs are beginning to come together. Five schools are participating, more are expected to confirm this month. DMHS will over grade level programming for second grade this year, in addition to our fifth grade and third grade programming. The second grade students will celebrate 100 days of school in February, and we will do this program off site. The fifth grade will come to the museum in October and the third grade will have their program in the spring of 2016.

We will be having a new event during the April 2016 school break that includes sleepovers at the museum with Boy Scouts and alternating with the Girls Scout troupes in the area. The exterior of the Ives House is finished and there is a new tenant in residence.

Paul Valeri, Hat City Ball chairman, said that Eight to the Bar will be the band again, because everyone enjoyed the variety of music they presented. We have begun to solicit sponsorship.

Michele Amundsen reported that DMHSA has been given over one hundred items from the Justine Tarlton Estate. And donations of material culture pieces and ephemera have been pouring in over the last two months! Diane Hassan reported hat research requests have recently expanded greatlym both onsite and offsite and that the microfilm sue has increased exponentially.

Motion to adjourn made by Anne Harrigan at 9:35, seconded by Bob Young, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Weise

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