



## CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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### DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPT. 22, 2008 MEETING

Present: M. Schwartz, H. Center, G. Smith, B. Feinson, J. Cherry, H. Bechard, C. Rotello, MBurke, X B. DaSilva

H. Center conducted meeting in B. DaSilva's absence.

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. **Danbury Music Centre** – Nancy Sudik requested a \$21,000 grant for the coming season for their year long programs and the Nutcracker Ballet. They are planning some new and innovative things in addition to the more traditional programs. Their programs include the annual concerts by the Danbury Symphony Orchestra, Danbury Community Orchestra, and Danbury Concert Chorus in addition to the Messiah concert on Dec. 19., the Charles Ives Day program on Oct. 19 and the Nutcracker Ballet and Symphony Orchestra program on Dec. 12, 13 and 14, which accounts for approximately 25% of the requested grant. Tickets to the Nutcracker are given to needy children in our local schools and communities.

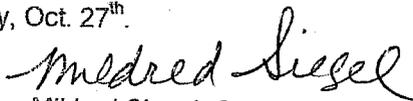
2. **Report on DCC sponsored events:** H. Center reported that the **Brass Band Concert at Richter Assoc.** for the Arts was very enjoyable. He also reported that the second day of **Taste of Danbury** took place on a beautiful day,,had a large crowd in attendance and lots of music and non-profit tables in addition to good food. (the first day was cancelled because of rain).

3. **Ct. Ballet Task Force.** Mary Burke reported that they discussed upcoming programs, scholarships for Danbury students, and their big production of their Romeo and Juliet Ballet which takes place on Oct. 28 at 7 pm at the Danbury High School. She was impressed with their dedication and the focus of their artistic director and staff. They are hard working and devoted to introducing dance to schools and the community.

4. **Coordinator's Report:** M. Siegel reported that we had received thank you letters from the Richter Assoc. for the Arts and the Hord Foundation for grants received from us.

**Action Taken:** Danbury Music Centre: H. Bechard moved we grant \$21,000 seconded by C. Rotello. The motion was passed with one abstention from J. Cherry, who is a member of the Danbury Music Centre board.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

  
Mildred Siegel, Coordinator

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