



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2009 MINUTES

Present: B.DaSilva, H. Center, B. Feinson, M. Schwartz, J. Cherry, H. Bechard, XG. Smith, XC. Rotello, XM. Burke

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. **Play Festival**, Arnold Daly requested a \$3,000 grant to initiate a festival featuring a series of weekends at one of the 3 theaters at Danbury's Palace Theater. The theater would work well for 40 to 50 people. The group would bring in lighting and other necessities to make the space viable.

The Karen After Dark, Brewster, N.Y. group would also be involved. The first two of funding for this year weekends will include a series of new one act plays by local playwrights. The third weekend will be anchored by a full length production. The plays will take place on June 12 and 13, 19 and 20 and 26 and 27th with tickets priced at \$15. They hope to attach to the momentum of the coming Danbury Film Festival. Various play possibilities were discussed, among them a popular one woman show about Katherine Hepburn.

The DCC grant would be an inroad into future planning and may be their only source

They want to try to bring live performances back to Danbury...maybe establish the program as a yearly event and are negotiating with Joe DaSilva for reasonable rental. There will be two technicians plus actors they've worked with in the past. They will be bringing in pre-rehearsed, pre-packaged plays.

DCC sponsored events. H. Center reported on the Literacy Volunteers tour of FDR's House and Museum. He also mentioned the availability of \$10 lifetime passes for seniors 60 year old and over to any national park.

Coordinator's Report: M. Siegel discussed the upcoming *April Annual Poetry Contest*. Commissioners agreed to keep the prize awards the same as last year. Siegel will contact last year's poetry coordinator Ian Strever at DHS and see if he will serve again this year. She will also contact Irene Sherlock to see if she will serve again as judge.

Action Taken: H. Center moved we grant the play festival group \$3,000. Bob Feinson seconded the motion, which was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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