



**CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2009**

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

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as mailed.

1.. **Charles Ives Authority for the Performing Arts**, Phyllis Cortese, thanked us for our previous support. She requested a \$15,000 grant for this year's free Family Fair/Outreach Program at Ives Concert Park.....a multi-cultural celebration of the arts featuring performers, multi-cultural groups, their foods, arts, dance and history.. This year Ives would like to compensate the multi-cultural groups who have performed in the past. Social service organizations will have tables for displays; art, music, plays and other activities will be available for family audiences. Ives will be providing free activities and entertainment for Danbury as well as its underserved community..

2. **Danbury Concert Assoc.**, Marcia Klebanow, requested a \$4,700. grant. She is not asking for more than last year because of the economy. They have managed to maintain a variety of high quality performances , due to previous contacts and in spite of an increase in cost of security at their venue. They're hoping their subscribers will be generous with additional funding. She thanked us for our ongoing support.

3. **Danbury Children First**, Linda Kosko, requested \$4,000 for a Danbury multi-cultural fair targeted for Danbury residents to share music, history and art of all cultures. Free entertainment, food, multi-cultural arts and crafts will take place on May 8, from 4 to 9 on the WCSU Quad. Prizes will be awarded for art and writing.

4. **Musicals at Richter**, Joyce Northrup, requested \$10,000 for their 25<sup>th</sup> season. They will be presenting "Funny Girl", "A Chorus Line" and "Children of Eden" by Redding resident Stephen Schwartz.who will also be at their big fund raiser on May 29 at which they hope to raise a lot of money. They also have Saturday morning children shows.

**Report on DCC sponsored programs:** M. Burke reported on the successful journaling Program for cancer survivors at ICAN. H. Center reported on the DMC music of America and its Spanish dance contest.

**Coordinator M. Siegel** gave an update on the May poetry contest for Danbury students.

**Action Taken:** M. Schwartz moved we grant \$7,000 to Richter Musicals, G. Smith seconded motion which passed. M. Burke moved we grant \$10,000 to Ives Family Day, seconded by B. Feinson and passed.; H. Center moved we grant \$1,500 to Children First which was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Motion was passed and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Danbury Concert Assoc to receive. \$4,700 grant..

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

  
Mildred Siegel, Coordinator

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