

CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF NOV. 23, 2009 MEETING

Present: B. DaSilva, H. Center, G. Smith, M. Schwartz, H. Bechard, B. Feinson, M. Burke

Absent: x J. Cherry, xC. Rotello

Minutes of last meeting were accepted as mailed.

1. *Danbury Concert Assoc.*, Marcia Klebanow thanked the commission for its continuing grants. She reported they have a wonderful diverse season planned and requested \$4,700 for the coming season. She explained that they try to keep the subscription the same \$ for people who are on budgets, relying on Angels for additional support. She tries to negotiate for the best performers within their budget. DCC is always publicized in all their presentations.

2. *Artists in Transition*, Joel Levitt, recently retired from art/music supervisor at DHS, requested \$2,000 for the first conference of this new organization which he represents. It takes place Sun., April 11 at WCSU Lake Ave. campus. They are expecting 150 people: artists and performers who have developed health issues which impede their ability to perform. He is getting the information out through various media to people who need help as well as those who want to assist in the program. He has a planning committee for speakers, physical therapists, dancers, career transition people and creativity in aging workshops planned.

Chairman DaSilva advised grant requesters and commissioners that we need to very cautious about our funding this year due to a smaller budget.

Report on DCC sponsored events: It was observed that the Concert Assoc. Pianist Concert was wonderful. Richter Arts Assoc. programs were determined to be varied and very good, including an arts and craft show, art exhibit and very talented pianist. The Danbury Music Center's Ives concert program was beautifully done as was the new composition by the Danbury Choral director.

Action Taken: *Danbury Concert Assoc.*, H. Center moved we grant \$3,900; B. Feinson seconded the motion which was passed.

Artists in Transition Workshop : B. Feinson moved we grant \$800 to show our support for this new project. H. Bechard seconded the motion which passed.

There will be no December meeting: City Hall and the media will be so notified by Coordinator M. Siegel.

It was decided that the commission hold a budget planning session on Mon., Jan. 12 before the regular Mon., Jan. 25 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Mildred Siegel
Coordinator