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DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2010 MEETING

Present: B. DaSilva, H. Bechard, H. Center, B. Feinson, M. Schwartz, J. Cherry, M. Burke, G. Smith.
Minutes of last meeting were accepted as mailed.

1. *Danbury Museum, Brigid Guertin* requested \$3,000 for an interactive educational program with Danbury students to tour historic buildings, engage with Revolutionary War re-inactions and understanding of local and national history. The program will take place the week of May 10th with 800 third grade students participating in morning and afternoon sessions.
2. *St. James Carillon, George Bogart* requested \$900 for professional carillon players to perform (from U.S., Canada and the Netherlands). Programs will take place on Wednesdays at 12:30 noontime. This will be their 18th year for these historic concerts.
3. *Alay Philippine Cultural Group of Greater Danbury, Josie Rodriguez* and their artistic director, requested \$2,500 for their Leyte Dance Group performances in Danbury and to participate in the Danbury Memorial Day Parade. They will feature new dances and costumes and performers.
4. *Molly Hennig, Danbury High School sophomore* requested \$1,000 for assistance with a voice scholarship to the Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan University. She has auditioned and been accepted for five weeks on campus attending classes and workshops. She paid for some of the admission but needs assistance to complete the required amount.
5. *Museum in the Streets project, Kay Schreiber* requested \$1,250 for a panel describing a "significant piece of Danbury History" for Danbury's 325th year celebration.

DCC Sponsored Events: *Danbury Concert Assoc.* Foothill Quartet was entertaining as well as accomplished H. Center reported; B. Feinson said the Leroy Anderson concert at *Richter* was very good as was the Deming/La Frenier concert. The art show was the best.

Coordinator M. Siegel reported on the *Ct. Ballet Danbury Dance Initiative Concert* at Broadview Jr. H.S. It was well attended with a series of fine area dance companies. A Renewal membership request was received from *Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance*. **Action Taken:** *Danbury Museum:* H. Bechard moved we grant \$2,000, G. Smith seconded Motion was passed. *St. James Carillon Concert:* H. Bechard moved we grant \$400. Motion seconded by H. Center and passed. *Alay Dancers,* J. Cherry moved we grant \$1,000, G. Smith seconded, motion passed. *Youth Scholarship,* H. Bechard moved We grant \$500 M. Schwartz seconded, motion passed. *History Panel request* was tabled. *The Poetry Contest Awards Program* is May 18 at 6 pm at WCSU Alumni Hall. Refreshments: H. Center, M. Schwartz, M. Burke, M. Siegel and B. Feinson. **Discussion took place re:** Grant requests to be concluded by May with June Meeting to be used for budget planning and year end review.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mildred Siegel
Coordinator