



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2013 DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

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

H.Center, new DCC Chairman, presented minutes of May 20 meeting with correction: M. Schwartz's report on Danbury Mural meeting: mural was *not* given a title.

William J. Knight requested \$2,500 for his annual Summer Camp project. This year in addition to field trips, arts, crafts, computer, math and language skills, they will be adding physical ed programs. and coordinating with local groups. Located at Henry Abbott Tech, the five day a week 9 to 5 pm camp is free, with a small fee for staff, supplies, and field trips for approximately 35 to 40 children.

Connecticut Ballet, Brett Raphael, requested \$3,500 for 14 assembly performances at Danbury Public Schools. The cost covers six to seven professional dancers, rehearsal costs and about 7 to 10 days in the schools. Included are stories through movement, the science of dance, and other programs related to their school curriculum. The programs are available to all middle schools at a very minimal cost, and Raphael meets with the citywide PTO each year to explain the program. The student response to these audience-participating programs have been very enthusiastic and Raphael would like to see the programs made equitable to the few schools who do not participate. Students may also audition for dance scholarships.

Chas.Ives Authority For the Performing Arts, Frank Herbert representing Phyllis Cortese,, requested \$5,000 for their Family Series: Alice in Wonderland, Linda Eder Master Class on Aug. 31, and, Ives Festival Orchestra on Sept. 8. He thanked us for our past support.

Report on DCC Sponsored Events: CityCenter Concerts on the Green: The Eagles Tribute Band and the Danbury Symphony Orch. both were well received and had good attendance, as did the concert at **Richter Arts Asssoc.** for an excellent violin concert by a young performer. **DCC's** Puppet Show presentation had a very pleased audience of youngsters & family. M. Schwartz reported on progress of **downtown Mural:** A mural sketch was selected for the mural, to be on the DaSilva building wall on Elm Street. There will be a total of 36 panels.

Other: G.Wencek reported our first Newsletter went out; we have a website: danburyarts.com. He proposed we secure a WCSU intern at \$820 for credits per semester as a trial(he to supervise

Action Taken: WCSU intern: M. Burke moved we sponsor WCSU intern at \$820. J. Cherry seconded motion, which was passed. **Wm. Knight Sumr Camp:** M. Schwartz moved we grant \$2,000, B. Feinson seconded motion passed. **Ct. Ballet**, H. Bechard moved we grant \$3,000 Motion was passed. **Ives Concert Family Series:** H.Bechard moved we grant \$3,000; B. Feinson Seconded motion which passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

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