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

Danbury Concert Assoc., Marcia Klebanow, requested \$5,200 for their coming season. They will be presenting four concerts, as in the past, with the October and November programs to take place in the new Arts Building at the WCSU Westside campus. October 19 will feature a pianist and the November 16 program will feature a clarinet, violin and piano trio. Programs have become more expensive this year she said, and they hope their Angels Appeal, in addition to the membership fee and our annual grant, will help cover the additional costs.

Literacy Volunteers, David Landi, Assistant Director, requested a grant of \$900. To provide their students with some American background they have added a rroup of books about American Culture to their learning agenda. Their programs have proven to be very successful. The office buys and subsidizes the cost of the books and the students pay 30% of the books: \$4.50. In return the students get to keep the books. Reading, writing and grammar are included in the program. At one point, they have had 150 students. Landi himself is a graduate of Literacy Volunteers and is an excellent example of what can be accomplished thru this program.

Reports on DCC sponsored programs: *Danbury Symphony's Orchestra* and pianist concert was excellent and had a large and very receptive audience and so did the Jazz Concert at *Richte Arts*.
Other: *City Hall has informed us that the Danbury Cultural Commission has been reinstated (a procedure the city is required to do at intervals).*

Danbury Ct. Ballet Task Force, of which a DCC commissioner is a participant, announced that Broadview School will not participate in their Danbury school ballet student workshop this year because of a conflict with scheduled school programs.

Poetry Contest: The Poetry Contest Award Presentation Program is scheduled for May 15 at 6 pm at WCSU Alumni Hall. Our Poetry Judge this year will be Adele Annesi, an editor, writer and instructor. G. Wencek reported that it would cost \$300 to print a book of poetry.

Action Taken: H. Bechard moved we grant **Danbury Concert Assoc.** \$4,700. Motion seconded and passed. **Literacy Volunteers:** M. Schwartz moved we grant \$850, seconded by G. Wencek, motion was passed. H. Center abstained.

Next meeting will take place April 28 at 7 pm.


Mildred Siegel, Coordinator