

MINUTES OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION
MARCH 23, 2015

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

Minutes of February meeting were accepted as presented.

Danbury Mad Hatters Chorus: Art Cilley and Andy Bear requested \$1500 for their Annual Show on May 16 at 7:30 pm at the WCSU Visual and Performing Arts Center joined by a trio of popular Ct. Chorus Directors. Tickets are \$20 and \$18 and is their major fund raiser for the year as well as funding youth scholarships for barbershop singers and funding the chorus throughout the year.

Danbury Concert Assoc.'s Kathryn T. Kloss requested \$5,500 for their 4 concert programs Sept., Oct., April and May. Tickets are \$46 for the series. They are working On some new funding and program ideas and ways to increase their donations.

Friends of the Danbury Museum's Brigid Guertin requested \$4,800 for Danbury school children's district wide program in May of local life in the 1700's featuring qualified re-enactors. Students will spend time with them in Danbury Museum's historical buildings, then go to the Danbury Library where they will learn to do research and receive an information packet and a library card. Funding is required for somere-enactors and for transportation. Additional funds are from PTO's and a donation of time.

Coordinator's Report: Poetry Contest: Last year's judge, Adele Annesi will return this year. The awards program will take place at WCSU's Alumni Hall at a date and time in May to be determined. H. Bechard has agreed to take care of arrangements when decision is made regarding above information. There will be four 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place awards plus four honorable mentions

Report on Danbury Cultural Commission events: The Danbury Music Center program was well done and well attended.

New Business: A Search Committee is to be formed looking for new coordinator to replace retiring coordinator Millie Siegel. A job description is being presented at next meeting. Chairman Harvey Center will check with the City for regulations to be used.

Requests for Funding: Danbury Mad Hatters: H. Bechard moved we grant \$720 for 4 scholarships of \$180 for two boys and two girls. M. Burke seconded motion was passed. Moved by Robert Feinson, seconded by John Cherry, to fund the Danbury Concert Association \$5,000. Passed by Unanimous vote.

Moved by Helen Bechard, seconded by Mary Burke, to fund the Friends of the Danbury Museum \$2,500. Passed by majority vote. Robert Feinson abstained due to his being on the Library board. John Cherry and Mary Burke are unpaid, volunteers presenting at this program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Gregory Wencek - Commissioner, submitted by Mildred Siegel -
Coordinator
Next Meeting scheduled for April 27, 2015

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