

**Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2012**

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

In attendance: Robert Young, Brigid Guertin, Natalie Weise, Barbara Rosseland, Anne Harrigan, Kay Schreiber, Erika Askin, Geoffrey Herald, Michael Kallas Joretta Kilcourse.

Welcome. President Bob Young called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. September minutes were read. Anne Harrigan motioned to accept the minutes. Barbara Rosseland seconded and minutes were filed.

DMHSA has a loss of about \$1000 right now, but we expect a turn around with up coming fundraisers. It is extremely important to work on fund raising because we need to make more than last years fund raising, with the 7% budget cut and not having the \$12,000 from the rental income - we need to work harder. Upcoming events are: pie sales, holiday bazaar and the holiday tea. The gift shop continues to bring in monies and membership is rising. We have 264 active members now. Geoff Herald suggested having tours for city employees on Friday, because they are off work that day. Brigid Guertin made the suggestion that each of us, board and staff, can set a personal goal of generating \$1000 each through our fund raising efforts. Our museum has two ads a week in the local newspaper plus other social media outlets and print media.

Brigid Guertin and Levi Newsome talked extensively with Mayor Boughton about the \$150,000 appropriated to restore the Ives House. This project will take place during FY 2013-2014. Moving the small schoolhouse by the Ives home to the campus at 43 Main Street will be done at this time also. The tenant at the Ives house will clean the gutters and re-tarp the roof for the winter.

The Friends of Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority, will be forming a board to be more structured and actively participating with the museum.

Grants: A \$10,000 grant for supporting school programs and transportation has been applied for with Savings Bank of Danbury. A grant has been applied for from New England Museum Associations, for Brigid Guertin and Diane Hassen to attend the conference in Burlington VT on November 6-9, 2012.

Old Business. Bob Young is continuing to reach out to local civil war re- enactors to have a Civil War re-enactment in 2013, in Danbury. Bob will report back about

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costs.

New Business. Bob Young has been offered several truckloads of bricks that could be a wonderful addition for walkways around the museum grounds. What is need is the manpower to move them to the museum grounds. Geoff Herald will help Bob find the help to do this project.

Joretta Kilcourse announced that several people from the museum, have gotten together and made a new trivia board game called "Do You Know Danbury?" It will sell for \$20 in the museum gift shop.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. Barbara Rosseland made the motion with Anne Harrigan seconding it.

Next meeting will be November 6, 2012 in Huntington Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Natalie Weise
Secretary