

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority

Meeting Minutes - November 6, 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 and Historical Society Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

In attendance: Robert Young, Geoff Herald, Joretta Kilcourse, Levi Newsome, Mike Kallas, Barbara Rosseland and Natalie Weise

Welcome. President Bob Young called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. The October minutes were read. Mike Kallas motioned to accept the minutes. Barbara Rosseland seconded and the minutes were filed.

Finance. DMHSA is running a deficit of \$1800. We have several fundraisers coming up for November and December that will help change this.

Executive Director. The museum made it through Hurricane Sandy with minimal damage only to a section of fence in the garden area. Levi Newsome is checking with Silvestri fencing for a repair.

*Our interns are doing well with cataloguing in the archives and also working in Rider House. The plan is to add two more in the spring.

*Diane Hassan has been working continuously with research requests with more continuing to come in.

*Our baseball exhibit is done and now work will begin to set up to start in January of Police, Fire and Public works, to run for the spring, summer and fall.

*School programs will be scheduled for next year. In 2013 DMHSA will include offsite visits to all 5th grades and 2 parochial schools for 3rd and 5th grades.

Fundraisers.

*Lyman Farms pie fundraiser was successful with 126 pies being sold and a profit of \$567 for the museum.

*Holiday bazaar has 15 paid vendors, the largest number yet. The bazaar begins Saturday November 24th at 8am for DMHSA and at 10am for general public. It will continue Tuesday - Saturday, 10am-3pm, through Saturday December 22nd.

*Holiday Tea has been almost a sell out this year. Kay Schreiber has raised

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\$1000 in sponsorship and arranged free tea from Haney's Tea Company.

*For First Night the museum will host at least one event in Huntington Hall, no dinner served this year.

*Friends of DMHSA will have the first organizational meeting on Tuesday November 13 at 5pm in Huntington hall.

New business. Geoff Herald will be donating historical books to the museum, from the Danbury Fire Department dating back to 1890. Rick Palanzo, director of Public Buildings, is working on an estimate for replacing the roof at the Ives House. The schoolhouse, which is behind the Ives house, will be moved to the Main Street campus, after July 1st, 2013.

Next meeting for DMHSA, December 4, 2012.

Meeting adjourned by motion from Barbara Rosseland at 6pm. Seconded by Geoff Herald. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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