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Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2014

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 were Ed Siergiej, Joretta Kilcourse, Anne Harrigan, Levi Newsome, Paul Valeri, Geoff Herald, Brigid Guertin, Erika Askin, Laurie Weinstein and Natalie Weise.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Erika Askin at 8:10am. Erika Askin welcomed everyone.

Brigid Guertin reviewed the finances and related the news, that although the museum “made-up” ground in terms of fundraising and successful activities, we still were not generating enough income to sustain current operations. Discussion ensued.

Barbara Rosseland has submitted her resignation from the DMHSA board. Geoff Herald made a motion to accept her resignation, Erika Askin seconded the motion, a brief discussion ensued regarding what a great member of the board Barbara had been and all wished her well in future endeavors. All were in favor of the motion.

The Holiday Tea held in December had a very good response, especially promoting it for four days. The income it generated was very helpful to our winter budget needs.

We are still waiting to hear if we are accepted for the grant for restoration of Ives house.

Natalie Weise asked for a motion to go ahead with plans to have a wine tasting fundraiser at Stew Leonard's Wine store. We would try to get a date for February. Anne Harrigan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The museum hours are; 8am to 4pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10am to 4pm on Saturday

More suggestions were brought up for a major fundraiser. Paul Valeri discussed several ideas and narrowed it down to possibly two. A Ball or a Golf Tournament. He will be collecting more specific information for the board by the February meeting, especially since choosing a date now will be necessary to reserve any plan for this year.

Anne Harrigan made a motion to adjourn at 9am. Natalie Weise seconded, all were in favor.

The next board meeting will be at 8am, Wednesday February 5, 2014 in Huntington Hall DMHS.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Weise, secretary