

**Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority  
Huntington Hall  
Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2015**

*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 Trustees at its next regular meeting.*

In attendance were Erika Askin, Marian Hessemeyer, Robert Young, Anne Harrigan, Elizabeth Hudson, Natalie Weise, Joretta Kilcourse, Geoff Herald and Michele Amundson.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10am by Vice President Erika Askin. The board reviewed the minutes from May and June. Motions to accept for May was made by Robert Young and seconded by Anne Harrigan. Motions to accept June minutes made by Marian Hessemeyer and seconded by Elizabeth Hudson. At 8:20am President Geoff Herald conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Marian Hessemeyer made a suggestion that we have an Hispanic/Latino heritage day at the museum. Suggestions were made as to how to make contacts and about various programs we could have. Bob Young suggested a committee be formed to brainstorm how to bring in new people to our membership representing Danbury's, past and present, diverse multicultural community.

There was a lengthy discussion on eventually having a much larger sign for the museum and to have the writing be bold and clear. The present sign would be placed in a different location on the grounds. There was discussion of having the fifth grade program in October instead of September and to make some changes to the program.

The Garden Party was held at Erika Askin's home, and because of the inclement weather, was held inside her home. This year the Friends of the Danbury Museum decided to hold a smaller auction at the Garden Party and work on a larger auction, with more items, for the Hat City Ball Gala. Prolonged discussion was held regarding the Friends decision to merge diverse fundraisers- the wine tasting and the garden party - into one event held at the museum next June.

It was voted to have the museum open on Wednesday evenings until 7:00pm to be in line with the Danbury Library hours. All were in favor.

The tenant at the Ives house gave his notice and has vacated the building. A prospective tenant has been identified and approved by the staff. A motion was made by Marian Hessemeyer to authorize Paul Valeri and Brigid Guertin to lease the apartment after the appropriate lease and paperwork has been signed. Seconded by Anne Harrigan. All in favor.

Robert Young will be overseeing a project of having our garden sundial refurbished with Mike Kallas's name put on it. Marian Hessemeyer made the motion, Natalie Weise second it. All in favor. Robert Young was talking with a Danbury gentleman who had a "Doo Wop" band a long time ago and he had CD's made up and wanted to donate ten of them to our gift shop. He also said he would be glad to donate more. It was suggested that we can have a program with the "Doo Wop" theme in the near future.

Habitat for Humanity donated a much needed map drawer to the museum. Marian Hessemeyer has been photographing the progression of work being done at the Ives house. She will be putting this into a power point presentation. Paul Valeri and Geoff Herald will be checking on prices of new tile flooring for the museum.

Motion to adjourn 9:10am by Robert Young, seconded by Elizabeth Hudson. all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Weise

**RECEIVED AND FILED**  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
DANBURY, CONN.

SEP - 3 2015  
at 5:00 pm o'clock Map # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk