

CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2009 MEETING DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

Present: B. DaSilva, M. Schwartz, H. Center, J. Cherry, B. Feinson, M. Burke
H. Bechard, x C. Rotello X G. Smith

Minutes of last meeting were accepted as mailed.

1. **Irish Festival**, John Feeney, V.P., plus other members) requested \$9,000 funding for their festival on Sep. 11 thru 13 at the Ives Concert Park. There will be musicians, speakers, dancers, storytellers, workshops, exhibits, crafts and other events. This is a yearly event which they use as a fund raiser. They request funding from corporations and businesses and rely on many volunteers. Tickets are \$12; children – free. After expenses, all proceeds go into a fund for their new cultural center.
2. **Safe to Swim Weekend**, Anthony Yacobellis, requested \$5,000 for their Sept. 4, 5 and 6 event on the City Center Green in Danbury. They will showcase over 30 musical artists local as well as from all over the country, performing on two stages on the green. It is top music in the independent rock genre for ages 20 to 45. They will solicit area businesses and sell ads in their programs, as they did last year. Some performances will take place at Cousin Larrys. All performers are paid including talented local groups.
3. **Taste of Danbury**, Andrea Gartner requested \$3,000 for headline talent as well as local performers on Sept. 12 and 13 on the City Center Green. There will be opening events es on Sat. and a closing parade on Sunday. Besides food and music, there will be crafts, and displays of business and non-profit groups. They will receive donations at the entrance.
4. **Ct. Ballet, Brett Raphael** requested \$3,500 for their Pioneers of American Dance programs in 13 Danbury Schools with each school contributing from \$700 to \$800 Programs are very popular with the students; teachers receive advance materials.

5. **Danbury Library**, Mark Haaskarl, requested \$2,000 for their 2nd One book One Community project. This years book “Hurry Down Sunshine” by Michael Greenburg includes book discussions, movies, health fairs and author programs.

Coordinator's Report: M. Siegel reported that the two July Robert Rogers Puppet shows had a fairly good attendance and were enjoyed by all.

Report on DCC sponsored events: M. Schwartz attended Carillon concerts and said They were very good. Others saw Richter Musicals “Funny Girl” and “Chorus Line” and found them well done and well attended.

Other: B. DaSilva announced that we are in need of **additional commissioners**, as one is considering resigning. Commissioners were requested to recommend names for future.

Action Taken: Irish Festival, H. Bechard moved we grant \$1,000; H. Center seconded, motion passed.

Safe to Swim: M. Schwartz moved we grant \$2,000; J. Cherry seconded motion, which was passed.

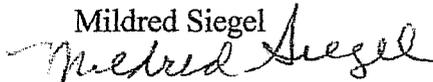
Taste of Danbury: H. Bechard moved we grant \$1,500; M. Schwartz seconded, motion was passed.

Danbury Library (Friends of): M. Schwartz moved we grant \$1,000; motion was seconded and passed with B. Feinson abstaining.

Ct. Ballet: H. Center moved we grant \$2,250. M. Burke seconded, motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Mildred Siegel



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