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MINUTES OF Oct. 26, 2009

Present: B. DaSilva, H. Center, G. Smith, M. Schwartz, M. Burke, B. Feinson, H. Bechard

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Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. **Richter Assoc. for the Arts:** Betty Bontempi thanked us for our support over the years. She requested \$5,000 for a series of art, music and other programs for the coming season. And reported that the Richter House has been named to the Historic List and that restoration of the house will be one of the major projects for the coming year.

2. **First Night Danbury,** Ted Killmer, requested \$7,500 for the project. They plan to improve the content of the event along with activities such as fireworks and to have a pre-event for families at the Danbury Museum. Prices remain at \$5. There will be a parade, a puppet show, three vaudeville shows at the Palace and a "Once in a Blue Moon" theme. It will conclude at 8 pm. Buttons will also be given out to special groups.

3. **Bert MacCarry** requested \$500 for *Telebration, a yearly storytelling program*, to take place Nov. 21 at 1 pm in the Danbury Library. A celebrated bilingual storyteller is arriving to headline the program at which local people will also be participating.

4. **Cheryl Dury's** presentation was made requesting \$600 for an arts therapy program for cancer clients at ICan. in Danbury..

Reports on DCC sponsored events: It was reported that the Concert Assoc.'s Kremlin musicians concert was excellent as was the West Gate Trio, pianist Roger Young, and art and craft shows all at Richter Arts Center.

Board member R. Feinson was commended for his successful Danbury Book Sale.

Action Taken: Richter Art: H. Bechard moved we grant \$4,250; H. Center seconded the motion which was passed. **First Night Danbury:** H. Bechard moved we grant \$6,000; G. Smith seconded motion which was passed. **Bert MacCarry Telebration:** M. Burke moved we grant \$425. B. Feinson seconded motion which was passed. **Cheryl Dury Art Therapy program:** H. Center moved we grant \$550; H. Bechard seconded motion which was passed with one abstention.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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