



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MAY 23, 2011 MEETING

Present: B.DaSilva, M. Schwartz, H. Center, B. Feinson, J. Cherry, H. Bechard

1. **William Knight Foundation**, Wm. Knight requested \$2,500 for summer camp in June and July including cultural activities, films, demos and other activities. He will pay for transportation.
2. **Harambee**, Bill Curtis, requested \$3,000 for cultural events, theatre, dance, creative writing workshops. They provide transportation. Haramabee tries to provide a small token to the many volunteers assisting with the programs, including WCSU, to whom who they pay \$3200 a month rent.
3. **Danbury Library**, Mark Hasskarl, requested \$1,000 for the citywide One Book, One Lake reading event "The Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara bringing people together thru literature. It involves a series of live events free to the community, ending with a talk by the author.

Report on DCC sponsored events: Richter Berkshire Band Concert, Danbury Music Centre Dvorak concert, Hat display at the Danbury Museum, Danbury Concert Assoc. performances, as viewed by commissioners were found to be excellent.

Coordinator M. Siegel reported that the Annual Poetry Awards totaling \$900 (which had earlier been voted on and passed) was very successful and well worth the efforts involved.

Actions Taken: School Scholarships: It was unanimously moved and voted to provide \$2,000 Annual arts scholarship awards to Danbury H.S. students and \$1,000 scholarship(s) to HAT. It was unanimously moved and voted *that funding for original grants be restored* to the following organizations:

\$2,000-Danbury Music Centre; \$2,000-Musicals at Richter; \$500-Danbury Concert Assoc.; \$1,000-Richter Assoc. for the Arts, \$1,500-Danbury Museum.

Robert Rogers Puppet Shows: it was voted upon and unanimously voted to provide \$1,500 for the two free childrens puppet shows.

William Knight Foundation: H.Center moved we grant \$2,000 seconded by H.Bechard, motion passed unanimously.

Harambee: H.Bechard moved \$3,000 be provided, seconded by H. Center and passed with two abstentions.

Danbury Library; J. Cherry moved we grant \$1,000 seconded by H. Center and passed with two abstentions.

Danbury Downtown Council City Center Concerts: H. Bechard moved we grant \$4,000; B. Feinson seconded motion which was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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