



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF JAN. 23, 2012 MEETING

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

1. **Musicals at Richter**, Janice Gabriel, Exec. Dir., requested \$15,000 for royalty payments for their three new summer musical productions: "Nunsense", "Brigadoon" and "Bye Bye Birdie". They have a new board of Directors which they hope will help increase their audiences with new fund raising ideas and help seek new grants. They've received a grant for their Youth Group and have a new trolley to transport people to the site from the Richter parking area. They are trying to get more community involvement and are recruiting volunteers to help raise money.

2. **CoDA, Danbury Public Schools Fine & Performing Arts Dept.**, Mike Obre and Katie Orie, presented a new request to replace their last one because the locale and expenses have changed. They are requesting \$5,000 for the annual Celebration of Danbury Arts Festival, which will now be taking place on the Danbury High School Courtyard from 1:30 to 8 pm on June 2. They had been receiving partial funding from the school district but are receiving none this year. The Celebration of the Arts features K-12 students artwork, films, musical and theatre performances. They will also have interactive programs for kids and families attending the free event.

2. **Cello Pointe**, Susan Libby requested \$1,000 for a program featuring professional cellists and dancers. Performances will take place at Danbury High School on March 30 at 7 pm, tickets are \$20. They are working hard at fund raising and have raised \$500 so far.

3. **Report on DCC sponsored programs**: It was reported that the **First Night Danbury** program was very successful, with a variety of shows and programs, all well attended, plus a parade, ice sculpture and additional outdoor events. The **DMC Nutcracker performance** was a beautiful and professional production..

Action Taken: Musicals at Richter, H. Center moved that we grant \$6,500; B. Feinson seconded the motion which was passed. **CoDA**: B. Feinson moved we Grant \$1,000 seconded by G. Smith. The motion was passed. **Cello Pointe**: M. Schwartz moved we grant \$375. motion seconded and passed w/ one abstention.

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