



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2012

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

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. **Jane Herschlag** requested a grant of \$7,230 for a monthly venue for teens and adult poets to expand poetry offerings in Danbury. The ultimate goal would be the printing and distribution of poems of the winning teens and adults by Bookbaby. \$6,840 of the grant would go towards professional services.

2. **Connecticut Ballet**, Brett Raphael, requested \$3,000 for his Annual Assembly Program in Danbury Elementary and Middle Schools ( an audience of approximately 5,000). It would cover two shows a day during the winter and spring 2013 season at the schools and a free performance at Ives Concert Park. This performance will also introduce Danbury scholarship dance winners. He finds that there has been less financial support for the program this year than in the past He. thanked us for our continuing support.

**Report on DCC sponsored events: Richter Arts program** featuring artist/cartoonist Joe Farris' WWII Sketchbook and music of the period by the Mad Hatters was very successful. The **Danbury Symphony Orchestra** opening of the CityCenter Downtown Concerts (on the parking garage roof) was very good and well attended.

**Action Taken: Ct. Ballet:** H. Center moved that we grant \$2,700; motion was seconded by H. Bechard and passed unanimously. **Jane Herschlag poetry project:** M. Schwartz moved we provide a grant of \$500 to show our support, seconded by H. Bechard. Following discussion it was determined that we also suggest she downsize the grant to make it more within the realm of our budget She was also advised to seek additional funding. We will give her a choice of the two suggestions before providing a grant..

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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