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MINUTES OF SEPT. 24, 2012 MEETING
DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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

Minutes of August meeting were accepted.

1. ***Danbury Music Centre***, Nancy Sudik, requested $20,000 for their year round musical presentations plus the Nutcracker performance. She thanked us for our ongoing support. New programs were discussed as was the hiring of a new choral director who has worked out very well.

2. ***First Night Danbury***, Ted Killmer, Consulting Producer, requested $6,000 for their new programs..a new cultural event. There will be exhibits with Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance, with creative connections by children from other countries working with their teachers. Performances will take place at 12 locations throughout the downtown area and include local, regional and national talent. There will be a variety of musical programs, as well as theater, arts and crafts, puppets and other events for children, lots of surprises, and fireworks at the end of the evening.

3. ***Obey Foundation***, Kimberly Wood thanked us for sponsoring last year's Jump for Life Program. She requested $1,600 for a new program. They will work with smaller groups to accommodate challenged adults, children and the elderly for Laurel Gardens, Eden Drive and High Ridge facilities. It will feature African drum circles as a healing therapy for all ages.

Report on DCC sponsored events: The ***Danbury Symphony Orchestra*** concerts were very well received. ***Richter Art Center's*** art shows as well as their musical performances were well done again this season.

Other: G. Wencek is doing research on ways to have the commission become more pro-active.

Action Taken: Danbury Music Centre: B. Feinson moved we grant $15,000; M. Schwartz seconded motion which passed. ***First Night Danbury***: G. Smith moved we grant 4,000; B. Feinson seconded motion which was passed. ***Obey Foundation***: G. Wencek moved we grant $1,400, seconded by G. Smith. Motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm.

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