



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2014 DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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

Minutes of previous minutes were accepted.

1. **Danbury Brass Band**, Alan Raph requested \$500 for a pre Halloween concert at Tarrywile. There are approximately 15 musicians and costs for facilities rental.
2. **Chas. Ives Authority for Performing Arts**, Phyllis Cortese requested \$3,000 for the free family Ives Festival Artist concert on Oct. 11 at WCSU's new performing arts center. The big name concerts are being handled by an outside producer. Proceeds from these shows go toward the smaller classical, ethnic festival, theatre and family events. The large WCSU orchestra consists of a large professional orchestra all of whom are paid for performing. She thanked us for all our past support.
3. **Obey Foundation**, Kojo Rey was represented by foundation members who requested \$3,000 for drumming programs for students in the special ed department of Danbury schools involving approximately 250 students. H. Center recommended that he also approach the superintendent of Shelter Rock Schools regarding this program.
4. **Cultural Alliance of Western Ct.**, Lisa Scales requested \$3,000 for accessible art displays in downtown store windows, a pilot program in Danbury. Area artists are participating in the program. Art will be conceptually related to the stores whenever possible. CAWCT will be the facilitator between the stores and the artists.
5. **Report on programs sponsored by the Danbury Cultural Commission**: A piano concert by Hank Milligan at **Richter Arts** was diverse, well done and enjoyed by a large audience.

Action Taken: Danbury Brass Band: H. Bechard moved we grant \$300, M. Burke seconded motion which was passed.

WCSU Ives Orchestra family concert: B. Feinson moved we grant \$3,000 which G. Wencek seconded. Motion was passed.

Obey Foundation Drum program for schools: J. Cherry moved we grant \$1,500 motion was seconded by M. Burke and passed.

Cultural Alliance: Art in downtown windows: M. Burke moved we grant \$2,000; G. Smith seconded motion which was passed.

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The next Cultural Commission meeting will take place on Mon., September 22 at 7 pm.

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