Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority
Minutes of the
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 Meeting
5PM
at Danbury Museum
Huntington Hall, 43 Main Street
Danbury, CT 06810

In attendance: Anne Harrigan, Robert (Bob) Young, Mike Kallas, Levi Newsome, Kay Schreiber, Natalie Weise

1. Welcome-President Young opened the meeting at 5:10pm. He asked all present to review the minutes of the December 16 meeting.

MOTION: Anne Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes with one change. The time of adjournment for the December meeting was 5:55pm, not 6:55pm. Natalie Weise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2, Finance Report-Per President Young the Museum has a healthy balance in the bank under the new authority name and the old museum accounts have been closed. No further report at this time.

3. Executive Director's Report- In Brigid's absence President Young filled the Board in on some topics.
A. Tours have been suspended until spring unless a group has a previous reservation.
B. Programs-some winter programs have been planned including: A March 8 presentation on the Blizzard of 1888 and a Feb. 21 program on Healing Imagery by Wally Koleck.
C. Volunteers-still going very well.
D. Donations- The Museum received a bequest from MaryLousie Meder who was born and raised in Danbury. The plan is to use the money to finish the display cases in Huntington Hall and possibly to have a wall mural designed that will discuss Danbury's History in a timeline.
E. Research- going well
F. Transition-Friends of the Danbury Museum organization is still being processed for a nonprofit status.
G. General Comments- The Super Foodmart cleaned up the lot in back of the Museum and a survey is scheduled to take place at some point to determine the actual borders of the museum property.

4. Fundraisers
   A. Mayor's Ball-Sponsorships and attendees are still coming in.
   B. Car Show- Nothing to report. Does not look like this event will happen in 2009.
   C. New Event Idea- Brigid had an idea to do a collaborative event. .Brigid will do some research and report back next month.

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MOTION: Natalie Weise made a motion that Brigid should pursue this fundraising idea with the Palace Theater as the venue and the Railway Museum as a partner. Seconded by Mike Kallas. Motion carried.

5. New Business
President Young said they he will schedule a meeting to discuss Danbury's 325th Anniversary. He said there are ways to celebrate the anniversary with events that are already in place. More to follow.

6. Adjourn:
Anne Harrigan made a motion to adjourn and Mike Kallas seconded the motion. President Young called for adjournment at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Schreiber
Secretary