

Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority

MEETING Minutes

June 2, 2009

Danbury Museum

Huntington Hall

43 Main Street

Danbury, CT 06810

MINUTES

In attendance: Robert Young, Natalie Weiss, Anne Harrigan, Barbara Roseland, Levi Newsome, Mike Kallas and Brigid Guertin

1. Welcome-President Robert Young opened the meeting at 5:05pm and asked all present to review the May 2009 minutes. Anne Harrigan made a MOTION to approve the May 2009 minutes, Mike Kallas seconded the motion, no discussion, all were in favor, motion carried.
2. Finance Report- Bob asked Brigid to report on the finances. Brigid reported on a positive balance in the Museums operating account and a positive P& L statement. Brigid reviewed the working budget for 2009-2010. Anne Harrigan made a MOTION to accept the budget as presented, Barbara Rosseland seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Robert Young called for a vote; all were in favor, motion carried.
3. Executive Directors Report
 - A. Tours- for the general public began May 22, Tuesday thorough Saturday from 1-4PM. Kevin has done an excellent job orienting himself to the tours and has conducted several group and individual tours already!
 - B. Programs- Brigid reviewed the list of programs, events, fundraisers, lectures, and exhibits planned for the next year. Some are booked; some are in the process of being booked. List is subject to change and will be reviewed monthly.
 - C. Volunteers (SAVE, RSVP, General) going well, to date volunteers have contributed close to 1000 hours of service. SYEP students to start in July and two interns for the summer.
 - D. Donations- DMHSA received a significant amount of hatting material this month: hats, forms, and advertising/hatting ephemera were all included.
 - E. Research- going well several researchers booked over the next few weeks- Diane has netted DMHSA over \$1500 in research fees for the FY.
 - F. Transition Report- FDMHSA in progress.
 - G. General Comments- Brigid reminded everyone that she would be on vacation Saturday June 13- Sunday June 21. Brigid also reminded

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everyone that DMHSA had joined the CT Staycation program, the Locally Grown History program and will be participating in CT Open House Day on June 13, 2009. All programs are free and provide excellent marketing opportunities. Brigid also urged everyone to check out the new website www.danburymuseum.org - it is a work in progress but most of the new material is up and though we need to make a few changes in appearance it will provide useful information to our public in a timely manner.

4. Fundraisers

A. Status report: Movie event – Brigid and Kay met again with the with representatives of the Railway Museum and are pushing forward with planning the event. Budget should be presented soon.

B. Status report: August 2010 event- no discussion.

5. New Business

A. General Comments- Mike Kallas reviewed his findings re: painting HH and informed the Board that Chris Arconti was the winning bidder and work will proceed late this summer or early fall. Robert Young thanked Mike for his work in this matter.

B. Meeting Dates July 2009-July 2010. Bob discussed new meeting dates and times. Barbara Rosseland made a MOTION that from August 2009-June 2010 DMHSA hold its monthly meetings the first Tuesday at 5PM in Huntington Hall and that there be no July 2009 meeting because of multiple scheduling conflicts. Anne Harrigan seconded the motion. No discussion, all were in favor, motion carried.

6. Adjournment -Robert Young called for adjournment at 6:05pm, so MOTIONED by Barbara Rosseland, seconded by Natalie Weiss, no discussion, all were in favor, motion carried.