



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2012 DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

Present: B. DaSilva, H.Center, M. Schwartz, H. Bechard, J. Cherry,
G. Wencek, G. Smith, B. Feinson, X M. Burke
A. Quinetana & C Beaugris of WCSU David Matte's Amer. Govt class also attended.

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. **John Ranzal** requested a \$358 grant for after school drawing classes at the Alternative Center for Excellence school in Danbury. He explained that although Danbury High School has received a grant for a similar program, ACE did not, so they don't have any art materials or instructors. Ranzal, who has a teaching degree, is personally familiar with ACE's success rate with students, who have benefitted greatly from the smaller classes which receive more teacher and pupil support.

2. **Danbury Museum and Historical Society.** Brigid Guertin requested a grant of \$8,000 for a pictorial history of baseball in Danbury. Through images, texts and displays they will explore the development and growth of this popular sport. They expect to bring local and out of town visitors to this exciting new display. Schools and Parks and Rec summer students will be touring the exhibit before the general public.

DCC sponsored programs report: It was reported that the **Concert Assoc.**'s Chamber Ensemble was very good; **Richter Arts** band program of American Songbook music was entertaining and well received; **The Danbury Music Centre's** preparatory and community orchestras concert was excellent.

Coordinator's Report: Poetry Contest: As it was determined that only students residing in Danbury would receive monetary awards, M.Siegel, coordinator, suggested that we award a certificate of merit to contestants who were not eligible for monetary grants.. A motion was made to provide this certificate and it was seconded and passed. J. Cherry volunteered to create the certificate if needed.

Action Taken: It was moved by H. Bechard that that **John Zanzal** be awarded a grant for \$200. Motion was seconded by G. Smith and passed.; H. Center moved that Danbury Museum receive a \$1600 grant; motion was seconded by M. Schwartz and passed.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, April 23.

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