

Danby Community Council
Minutes June 4, 2009

Present: Bob Strichartz, June Pollack, Asher Hockett, Joel Gagnon, Ted Crane, Bev Fitzpatrick.

Also Attending: Dan Klein

Minutes for May 4, 2009 meeting accepted after being modified to adding "DCC voted to keep playground equipment at the Danby School, but note that playground for the park is a good idea."

Announcements:

Asher and June met with Meg Kohl and the United Way Bookkeeper to give a presentation about DCC's budget and the Scholarship process. United Way sought information regarding Scholarships, Youth Programs, Newsletter, Seniors, and Family Programs. Asher explained some matching issues between the Town and the County, saying that instead of asking for more money from the Town he moved some moneys from Youth Programming to DAN due to a shortfall, and used the County funds. The UW had no problem with this and requested that DCC just submit a letter of justification. In the future Asher as treasurer would give them information at the time of transfers at budget preparation time. They were generally pleased with the way the year went and are still just lacking feedback from the Seniors. Asher will try to solicit this information and bring it to the next meeting.

We learned from UW that there was a new \$300.00 FOCUS grant which is geared toward Middle School Youth decision making. This will be administered by Laura Smith, Youth Coordinator from Cooperative Extension. Finally UW had a question about the possibility of having DAN electronically delivered. Due to administrative and other obstacles, it was decided that the newsletter be available on the web, but not distributed electronically.

Review of DAN guidelines and policies: A discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities of establishing policy. It was generally agreed that it was a collaborative effort between the DCC and the Town Board. For clarification, Asher will bring the contract with the Town Board to the next meeting. There was concern about candidate statements around election time. The discussion centered on fairness and objectivity in reporting. It was decided that DCC would show the Town Board the guidelines we are working with and solicit input, particularly the publication of candidate statements in DAN. DCC does not want the mission of community building overshadowed by possible political overtones. Dan Klein will discuss this with the Town Board and report back to DCC.

Youth Programs: No discussion. Laura will be asked to attend the next meeting and update us on plans and the provision of a banner for Fun Day.

Scholarships: June reported that requests are coming in. 75% of our funds have been awarded.

Website: DCC is a link to the Town website. June will send minutes to the site. DAN is available on the site as well.

Concerts/Movies: Joel reports that after speaking with West Danby folks, the local West Danby String Throttlers will play at the West Danby picnic on August 29th. Bob reports that there is a folk concert coming up at 3pm in the Town Hall with Richie Stearns and Steve Felin. Bev will send Asher Bob Lieberman's email address so they can discuss if the projector Asher has is adequate. The best time to show Lieberman's film will be in the fall.

Family Programs: Bev will contact Arne to see if he will present summer programs.

Slogans: Joel spoke with Rhonda R. and found that it was not her intention for DCC to acquire or use the slogan.

Next meeting: July 2, 2009