

**DCC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
April 4, 2013  
Danby Town Hall**

**Board Members Present:** Cathleen Banford, Julie Clougherty, Ted Crane,  
**Board Members Absent:** Bob Chase  
**Guests:** Alison Christie, Amie Hendrix, Dan Klein, Dave Sanders

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

**Youth Services:**

AH: 3 years ago county cut funding, communities are struggling to backfill county cuts. New York State also reduced funding. So a consulting group was brought in, about a year ago, to look at streamlining processes. This is the first time the county has worked with a group like this. They found that towns that feed into ICSD have a harder time than municipalities with their own school districts, so they're looking at consolidating. "How can we fund programs together that would work in those communities? What would be required?" There are benefits and weaknesses to this idea.

The majority of these other groups have been focused on middle school. Lansing, Cayuga Hts., Town of Ithaca all prioritize youth employment (hiring 35/year). Youth employment is about \$1000 per kid.

On April 30, the county is bringing municipalities together to look at how we can operate more effectively. They need 2 representatives from our group. The meeting will be held at the Human Svcs Bldg on State St. at 6 PM.

The County 2012 Needs Assessment was just finished - some of that data will be looked at. Dave is compiling inner-ring needs assessment.

As of June, Newfield will no longer have municipal youth service involvement.

Question: Have the other towns stepped up to backfill these funding reductions? If so, why should we get together?  
Answer: Because we need more funding - the current situation is not sustainable. Operating costs go up, funding doesn't.

Q: How would getting together increase revenue?

A: Outside money? A partnership might be attractive to foundations. Ideally it would be a multi-year arrangement, so it doesn't have to be figured out every year.

A new group would have to be formed. Bylaws would have to ensure there was representation from every community. (Unlike the youth oversight committee?)

Dave: Needs assessment will steer the programming.

Discussion: CYS is the only apparent winner from a potential collaboration. Potentially four DCC board members will attend the April 30 meeting.

**New board nominee**, Alison Christie, was introduced and expressed her desire to be on the board.  
***Cathleen nominated Alison to be on the board. Julie seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.***

**Approval of March minutes** distributed at our youth committee meeting: Motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Ted. Motion passed. JC motion, CB seconded.

**Youth grant committee**: Julie will present a brief synopsis of all new applications at each board meeting, anonymously, for full board approval before granting grants.

**Treasurer's Report**: Internet banking - Julie needed permission to be administrator of online banking to access the account. Ted signed the form. Julie still has not rec'd remaining financial files from Bob, which includes all the paperwork from 2011. Julie reported \$700 was spent on 7 youth grants, and the insurance bill of \$650 was paid.

**Email address for DCC:** We had talked about “DanbyCC.org” - which would provide two classes of email addresses: personal and program linked. There is a cost involved - about \$20 a year.

Q: Would that allow a website?

A: We have space on the webpage.

Q: Why don't we just want to have a gmail address?

A: Then someone has to be a gatekeeper.

**JC proposed purchasing the address, DCC.org TC will set it up. Everyone approved.**

**United Way Applications/Reports:** Julie is working on them and will send out a text with the info for feedback to anyone wishing to have any.

TC: there are two upcoming UW sessions: Succession planning: what to do when you retire? And taxes.

Discussion on United Way funding requests for 2013-2014; decision to ask for at least the same amount as last year. Noted that UW funds are not the biggest part of our youth budget.

Discussion on West Danby: how about the UW fund a program for youth in West Danby?

Alison will look into finding out how many kids live in West Danby.

Homeschooling community: could serve as nucleus for other youth programs.

**Discussion on Family Programs:** CB: Eric Banford is running a program/movie called A Place at the Table, through energy group. That could be an example for requesting funding for family programs.

(Would we want the energy group to be part of the DCC?)

TC noted that Bob Strichartz announced a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> concert in May. Folk Group Johnson Girls, May 19. DK: That's the same day as the plant sale. We agreed to give Bob the go ahead to book them. JC suggested the possibility of having a BBQ at the park same day.

TC: Rick Kline, who did the January Solar System tour presentation, has many other presentations to offer. He's willing to do them every month or two. We agreed that TC should contact him to book.

Movie nights? Difficult to do because of copyright issues.

Raptor program: JC presented information about the Cornell Raptor Program - (cost is \$160 and they can do indoor or outdoor, formal or informal programs )and proposed we have them come to Danby for a program in June. All approved. Julie will book it, and proposed possibly tying it in with the DCPA annual meeting. .

**CB: reported on her meeting with Dave S.** He said transportation will be an issue with combining groups from other towns. He explained the way the needs assessment works with them: they are really trying to dig deep and not just see how things are in the short-term. They want long-term understanding of how programs affect kids long-term. How to find that out? They just changed formats and are now implementing it. We still don't have a good sense of how important it is to keep doing things through them, do our own programs, etc.

We have ideas and can't consider whether things are working or how to improve them if we don't know how it's constructed.

DS told her about Cornell program: Public Service program. They help you do research for things, like how can you meet the needs of the community more? She says we should tap into it. DS will send website info and she will forward.

**Adjourned at 9:10 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by Julie Clougherty, 4-14-13**