

Danby Community Council Board Meeting

May 2, 2013

Present: Cathleen Banford, Bob Chase, Julie Clougherty, Ted Crane

Absent: Amanda Walts

Also in attendance: Ric Dietrich, Dan Klein, Dave Sanders

Called to order at 7:07

County Youth Services meeting:

JC: reported on meeting on Tuesday, 4/30/13. CYS put forth a proposal to join forces with five other municipalities – see email from Amie Hendrix forwarded by Ted.

TC: Two practical concerns: Geography (transportation), and inclusion. CYS is asking people to put a lot of time into something that on the surface has lots of unanswered questions – what's in it for the town?

RD: It's a tradeoff. We all need to look at it open-mindedly, and come into it as if we're figuring it out for the first time. Grants, etc. are not going to keep the ship afloat. Biggest concern is that it will be a lot of work.

DS: The state has changed funding streams and all the laws have been changed, and we're waiting to hear the details – it looks like there's going to be one big pot for all the municipalities to share.

TC: Would county money be affected?

DS: If the state doesn't tell us where the money has to go, they'll have to take a look at it. If all county money disappeared, how does the town feel about it?

DK: I would howl about it, and look for ways to get bigger. We should insist that the county reinstates that 100K they cut a few years ago.

RD: The town has already made up the difference. Unless something slams us, he's feeling confident they could project something through 2014. It's just buying time, we need to use the time productively. Youth development should get the same funding as police. He wants the real thing. If we can't have it, it might not be worth continuing.

The people who need to understand it, the legislature, need to be convinced. There's bad PR. Whatever direction we go, we need to find the money somewhere.

DS: By bringing it all together, we need to get the county to support this, this is part of the process. The diversity of the groups is why CYS is proposing this, rather than trying to hire middle school program managers, for example.

DK: I heard Ted say that each town takes their money, so why doesn't the county just support the programs that we are all already doing?

RD: Don't abandon the networking system.

DK: The purpose of this program is not to deal with this type of major social ills. We are not the people to address them on a major scale. He sees our role as providing experiences and relying on the other systems, e.g school, justice for the bigger issues.

CB: We need to bring communities together, but not do it in isolation. Ideally we could do this AND this. Take care of community building, relationships, not just skill-building.

AC: Supports putting effort into community. Need an active network of second chance programs, probably beyond the scope of just us, need to rely on the larger group for more intense needs.

DS: Love this type of discussion. Each town can keep its programs.

CB: Bottom line, we all need to fight for youth programming funding.

TC: Fix what's broken – the funding.

DS: Wanted to mention the technical systems component: for Caroline, as an example, the CYS put together a packet, is doing a needs assessment, did a graffiti wall for 5th graders in the school (what do you do now, what would you like to do, and what do you want to do in middle school?), taking minutes for those meetings, recruiting people. Offered us help with needs assessment, anything else. For us: he does required program monitoring, needs to do a site visit at some point and would like to do it with us.

April Minutes: JC made a motion to approve the April minutes. BC seconded. All in favor.

DK: Has not received emails. Wondering what all the secretiveness is about. Missing out on many emails, apparently. Need to report to the Town Board about the DCC activities, hard to do without all the information.

JC: We discussed the procedure for minutes at our last meeting and decided to send them out to just the board for comments before sending out to everyone else.

Programming:

There will be a May 19 concert. Same day as the plant sale.

Solar System presentation: Rick Kline still not confirmed.

Raptor Program: Set for June 23, 2 PM. Cost is \$160. Location: Dotson Park unless weather is bad, then Town Hall.

Fun Day: July 13. TC: should we do a booth? Be in the parade? DK: Is Youth Program manager going to run the games? (CB will get in touch with her.) He saw someone from the fire department and they're expecting DCC to run games.

AC: Homeschool kids are having fun with market day, making and selling things to other kids. Maybe that could be something that we do. Caroline youth program does that – they make crafts and that grew into the farmers' market. AC will flesh out idea and bring it up at the next meeting (she is also on the board of AFCU, incidentally.)

CCE Contract:

Updated by Ted and sent out to us for review. There were some nonsensical items and some contractual items, including Julie Kulik's vacation at the end, which was paid as a lump sum. Sick leave: Cornell's package includes sick leave and he removed the item about vacation. Third item: we agreed to pay them a certain amount, but two parts of the contract agreed and one did not: We will pay them X; we will pay them up to X; and we will pay what they spend. He changed it to we will pay vouchers, we will pay them up to the agreed-upon amount. Everyone take a look at and give feedback by Monday. He want to take it to Linda ASAP.

Town Contract:

We haven't signed a copy in years. He'll update it and present it to us and to the Town Board by the next meeting.

Youth Services:

Simone reported by email, which JC forwarded to everyone.

Danby Survey:

Will go out in June issue of DAN. Will include Dave in the process.

Ideas: Do a wall at Danby Fun Day, for kids and adults. Provide copies of the survey at Danby Fun Day.

Financial report: JC: What kind of info does everyone want to see? TC: Income and payments for past month, contrasted against the budget. Spent this past month: \$250 on concerts. Income: \$67 sponsorship for DAN and \$129.50 in donations.

Simone asked if we would be willing to contribute to a family program doing a trip on the Floating Classroom. Julie will get more details from Simone and send an email to everyone.

Need more youth grant applications for upcoming quarter– spread the word.

RD: Waldorf School wants to encourage Danby to have its own fireworks. Asked Town to pay for it and the insurance, \$2000 or \$3000. JC: What about asking H.E. Stork.? Would rather see that kind of money be put into the park for permanent features, esp. as the park receives no Town funding at all.

Short discussion of Dotson Park: disc golf, new kiosk, lock box ideas, ice skating.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45

Minutes submitted by Julie Clougherty 5-10-13

