

August 1, 2013 DCC Meeting Minutes (draft)

Attendees: Alison Christie, Ted Crane, Julie Clougherty, Cathleen Banford, Amanda Walts, Robert Chase

Absent: none

Ted reported that the Finnish concert will not be in Danby; the Finns have scheduled it for September 4 in downtown Ithaca. Barn Dance on August 3, will.

We looked at the DCC Minutes for July 11, 2013. Julie motioned to approve the July minutes, Cathleen seconded, all in favor; unanimously approved.

Ted reported that he attended the Town Board Meeting and submitted the DCC-Town Board agreement as was revised at the last meeting. He reported that he attended the last two meetings, distributed it, that the Town Board decided to defer discussion until the next meeting. He will attend the next meeting.

Ted reported on a meeting between County Youth Services (supervisor level) and Town Supervisors, called by Frank Proto, and it seems that Danby would be asked to send representatives to future youth programming meetings and that there is still more to be discussed re: changes in youth services.

Cathleen reported that she attended a meeting with Simone (Youth Manager), Dave (CYS) and Linda (CCE) where it was discussed that youth services could remain the way they are here in Danby (with YES becoming a separate entity) and that the Town of Caroline may join the Joint Youth Commission. Many details remain to be determined, more to follow. How do we feel about these changes? How will money be divided among municipalities in the future? Also, Cathleen also reported that Simone says Lunch Bunch at South Hill is being co-led by the social worker and she wondered if she could use her time better? We wondered: Is Lunch Bunch only for Danby youth? Should we add programming for younger (under 8) children? Where could activities be held instead of/in addition to, the Town Hall? (Danby church, South Hill, Boynton, West Danby, Fire Hall, Hatch pavilion, especially for next summer for West Danby kids). What can we do in West Danby? For Benton kids? (Increase weekend activities? After school is hard for them because their school day runs until 3pm, many do after school programs already, etc) Simone wondered about handling primitive pursuits programs differently.

We have learned from Linda/CCE that we have a surplus \$1500 (because Simone's employment didn't start until mid-February). We decided we will use part of that money to for the recent Floating Classroom event (\$300) instead of from Family Programs). Further, Cathleen will check to see if Simone is available to do some additional programs. Julie motioned that we make this change, Alison seconded, all voted yes. The Y.E.S. program is going well; more details to follow. Also the group's collective desire to raise Simone's salary to meet the Tompkins County Living Wage was discussed. Could we do it as a bonus for now and then make that change officially for

the next fiscal year? As raised in Simone's June report, could EarthArts serve as the vendor for youth services instead of CCE? Funding issues still exist, but a switch in vendor could make some changes: we would lose the use of the CCE van, but Simone would have substitutes to draw on if needed, we could use EarthArts' insurance, it's a local source of services, but what about health insurance? To be further discussed.

Cathleen reviewed what she learned from the community graffiti board: people really want a community center, (at Dotson Park, as a community build? how to fund?), petting zoo (with Halloween party?) , pool, Jennings pond clean-up, Danby park hiking/eating, drive-in movie at Dobson property, solstice/harvest/seasonal celebrations, convenience store w/ice cream/coffee shop/café, flower mountain at Dobsons, Danby pumpkins festival, family events, growth, Danby coop, cooperative skills and tool sharing event. We will compile the results of the incoming surveys and see what steps need to be taken next. Julie and Alison offered to research how other community centers started, were funded, and are run.

Julie reported that there are no Youth Grant applications pending at this time.

Julie gave the Treasurer's report: no news, we have \$15,217.46 now.

Julie will not be able to attend Thursday meetings this fall because of a school conflict ... could DCC meeting move to Mondays or Tuesdays? To be determined if we will switch... Julie will email us.

Meeting adjourned.