

## **Danby Community Council**

### **Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**

January 9, 2014 - Danby Town Hall, 7:00 PM

(January 2 meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.)

**Board members present:** Cathleen Banford, Alison Christie, Julie Clougherty, Ted Crane, Maya Patt

**Others present:** Bob Strichartz

**Approval of prior minutes:** minutes were not available so no action was taken.

**Concerts:** Bob Strichartz, who writes and reports for the CAP grant for the DCC, discussed this year's grant of \$900, and explained his usual process for arranging concerts, as well as the status of possible upcoming concerts. He reported he tries to arrange two classical concerts per year, and any time a classical pianist will be playing, the piano must be tuned. He noted that per the CAP grant, students cannot be paid. He arranges folk concerts through people he knows, often performers who will be coming to town for Bound For Glory. Julie noted that the terms of the CAP grant require us to advertise our events on Ithacaevents.com. Bob asked if she would be willing to do that, and she is.

While we want to offer the community many opportunities to hear live music, we agreed that quality is more important than quantity. On that note, we discussed keeping our policy of paying groups a maximum of \$250 and soloists and duos \$150 each, with the understanding that Bob could request more if he felt it was necessary to secure specific acts. He requested that we make an exception for the upcoming classical concert and pay them \$300, and we agreed to do so while keeping our policy in place. We all agreed that Bob is doing a great job of finding the classical acts in particular, and he will continue to take the lead on them; he offered to propose folk acts to us for our consideration and discussion so that we don't have any conflicts with possible acts we may have been trying to line up. All agreed that frequent communication is necessary and will enable us to have the best possible offerings for this program.

**Youth Services - Program manager hiring process:** The top two choices declined the position, and the very close third choice will be offered the job provided her references check out. Linda Schoeffel is working hard on that. We discussed the prospect of holding a Claymation workshop for families in February, in the event that we don't have a program manager by then. If we do, then she can decide whether to make it her first introductory program. Stay tuned!

**Other possible future events:** We talked about the possibility of including movie screenings as public events. Maya is looking into costs, etc.

#### **Annual meeting:**

The annual meeting is coming up Thursday, January 23 at 7 PM. Julie will prepare a financial report and Ted will prepare an annual report. Everyone will bring some kind of dessert or light snack or drink. We'll talk by email prior to the event to coordinate who's bringing what.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that she's waiting for receipts for all of last year's West Danby Community Association events as well as Alison's receipts for food for the concerts before having final numbers for the year in order to bill the Town.

**Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2013 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.**

Minutes submitted by Julie Clougherty, 1-17-14