

**Danby Community Council  
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**

**September 4, 2014  
Danby Town Hall, 7:00 PM**

**Board members present:** Alison Christie, Julie Clougherty, Ted Crane, Gould Colman, Katharine Hunter

**Absent:** Maya Patt, Cathleen Banford

**Others present:** Judith Beattie (guest), Pamela Goddard, Shelley Jo Lester.

**Previous meeting's minutes approved with corrections.**

**Youth Programming and Cornell Cooperative Extension Budget:** Shelly Jo Lester discussed Youth Activities: Most youth reached the goal of 100 hours. One person still has 25 hours to work. Shelley presented the budget for 2015. As the summer program had more attendees and activities than previously expected, Karlita was over budget and she will back down on spending. There was continued discussion about living wage. Regarding insurance costs, it was noted that there is no need for unemployment insurance for Youth Services. There was some discussion of the possible need for extra budgeting for an assistant if numbers of attendees continue to be strong. A corrected budget will be mailed.

**United Way Funding Requirement:** Julie moved that the DCC adopt a non-discrimination policy; Allison seconded, motion passed unanimously. The policy states:

The Danby Community Council is an equal opportunity organization and is committed to the principle of diversity.

We therefore:

Value, champion, and embrace diversity in all aspects of our activities and respect others without regard to race, color, religion, creed, age, gender, national origin or ancestry, marital status, veteran status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or status as a qualified disabled or handicapped individual.

Support non-discrimination and equal employment opportunities throughout our sphere of influence.

Refuse to engage in or tolerate any other form of discrimination or harassment.

**Additional Discussion Regarding Youth Program at Danby Town Hall:** Pamela Goddard spoke on behalf of Danby Town Hall Staff (relating to youth in Town Hall). Pamela stressed that the youth programs are working well, with more attendees and longer hour-programs. The problem is that the Town Hall is a multi functional building with many activities occurring simultaneously with attendant problems of water use, noise, and storage. Some visitors to Town Hall expressed some reluctance to come in and carry on business when the Youth Programs were in session. Unfortunately too, the well went dry for one week after one particularly busy day. Improper storage caused the return of mice to the building. The Town Clerk met with Dave Sanders, Shelley Lester and Karlita to ask that the Town Hall be the location of last resort not the first option. Alternate sites are needed immediately which are acceptable to insurance providers, are handicapped accessible and have bus access. Julie will call Waldorf School, Danby Federated Church and the Danby Fire Hall.

**Event Follow-up:** Discussion question to be sure that communications stay open with library regarding DCC events.

**Event Planning:** Concerts will continue through the fall and winter. Bob Strichartz has secured Scheherazade Trio for September 28. Sheesham and Lotus is scheduled for 11/9. Julie will provide an update for funding for the remaining months of this year. Other concerts are still pending.

September 30 movie: "Speaking Out for Health Care for Everyone."

October 19 2 - 5 p.m.: Harvest Festival. Set-up will begin at noon. Julie and Allison will work on pumpkin donations for trebuchet launching. Allison will check with the Children's Garden for Anarchy Zone weapons. Old tools: Ted. Tractor Rides and hay wagon pulling: Gould. Discussion of some sort of Time Capsule or Letter Boxing to be followed up by Allison and possibly asking Karlita go be involved with letter boxing. A bonfire will be set and lit for warmth and S'mores, and harvest goers may bring items to roast.

**Winter Ideas:**

Discussion of potential winter events will be open at subsequent meetings.

**Youth Program/Grants Update:** No updates.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Clougherty will present Treasurer's Report at later meeting as she receives upcoming reports.

**Financial Report:** DCC will pay coordinator for Coddington Road. \$900 is outstanding from Community Area Partnership.

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2014**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:00 p.m.**