

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

**October 2, 2014
Danby Town Hall, 7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Cathleen Banford, Maya Patt

Others present: Karlita Bleam, Shelley Jo Lester, David Sanders, Bob Strichartz

Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of Prior Minutes: Deferred

Youth Programming, Cornell Cooperative Extension, County Youth Services: Dave Sanders discussed the youth services program and survey assessment tools PQA and RBA (Program Quality Assessment, Results Based Accountability).

Shelley Jo Lester extended the invitation to a celebration highlighting national youth programs on October 28, 2014 and the Tompkins County Municipal Youth Services Happening "Investing in a Brighter Future for Youth" on November 13, 2014.

Karlita Bleam presented an idea for the Youth to design a new logo. Initially, Karlita's idea was for a competition for the youth's designs with approval by display and vote at the Town Hall. Council discussion redirected to better support the youth as a collaborative effort. The suggestion is to broaden the process from single design of one logo to develop a program to teach them design. Further suggestions led to include a graphic artist and expand to a workshop-type program for the youth to develop skills and work up design ideas for later approval.

Youth Program location discussion update: Since the September 4 meeting, Danby Community Council members Julie Clougherty, Alison Christie met with Shelley Jo Lester, Dave Sanders and Karlita Bleam to brainstorm possible locations for the youth services including, Danby Fire Hall, Danby Federated Church, Waldorf School, stopgap locations like members' residences. Considerations and discussion included suitability for the youth and various youth activities, sharing resources in prospective locations, non-discrimination policy in the location which would welcome all youth. There will be an update at the November meeting. A new location is Danby Federated Church (some pluses for this location: kitchen, stage, separation from other concurrent programs).

Event Follow-up: Communications remain open with library regarding DCC events.

September 28: Concert, Sheherazade Trio, attendance 27.

September 30: Movie Speaking Out for Health Care for Everyone, attendance 4

Events Scheduled: Fall/Harvest Festival, October 19

Concert, Mehne and Cohen Guitar and Flute duo, October 26

Concert, Sheesham, Lotus and Son, November 9

Harvest Festival Planning Followup:

October 19 2 - 5 p.m.: Harvest Festival. Advertising: Ted created an ad in case Tompkins Weekly had space for a free ad as "In-Kind" offer; tractor (courtesy of Gould Colman) and sign to be at the entrance to the park prior to event by 10/15. Set-up will begin at noon. Julie and Alli-

son will work on pumpkin donations for trebuchet launching and pumpkin decorating. Old tools: Ted. Tractor Rides and hay wagon pulling: Gould. Planned Letter Box kits and Letter Box placement in the park (youth!) by Allison and youth activities with Karlita firmed up. A bonfire will be set and lit for warmth and S'mores, and harvest goers may bring items to roast. Trebuchet plans include donations of pumpkins and vegetables and a glo-stick finale.

Event Planning: November 23, Richie and Rosie |
December Cornell Klezmer program (Family Program budget)

Youth Program/Grants Update: No updates.

2015 GAP Application Discussion: Bob Strichartz and the Committee discussed the 2015 application and corrections requested. Bob agreed to correct. Discussion included types and numbers of concerts and return performers/fees and attendance at concerts and the amount of money requested. There was some discussion of having a meeting for potential musical selection including classical, folk, family, local professional musicians vs student performances with a look at the budget for such. The application for 2015 requests \$1500 grant. Currently the DCC presents about 12 concerts at \$250 per concert. Some performers require recent piano tuning, currently \$125. There was discussion of what is likely, and what to request.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Clougherty presented Treasurer's Report.

Budget Report: To come.

Financial Report: Donations up for 2014. Budget will be presented subsequently. Alison suggested that DCC may be instrumental in investigating taking a lead in Foods for Children (school lunches, December and summer programs). She also suggested some other ideas for helping youth and families in Danby i.e. swim lessons. The budget has contingency funds that may be used to fund these items.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2014

Meeting Adjourned after 9:00 p.m.