

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

**Date: 2/5/2015  
Danby Town Hall, 7:00 PM**

**Board members present:** Alison Christie, Julie Clougherty, Gould Colman, Katharine Hunter, DiAnna Snyder.

**Absent:** Cathleen Banford, , Maya Patt

**Others present:** Ted Crane, Bill Evans

**Privilege of the Floor:** None

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Upon approval.

**Board Elections:** Alison confirmed that Maya Patt will not be available to serve as she is out of the country. Gould moved to accept her resignation. Terms for current members are: Gould Colman two years, DiAnna Snyder (newly elected) two years, Cathleen Banford one year, Katharine Hunter two years. DiAnna moved and Julie seconded that Maya's unfilled seat be taken by Bill Evans for a 1-year appointment.

**Election of Officers:** Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Proposed slate: President--Alison, Vice President--DiAnna, Treasurer--Julie, Secretary--Katharine. Julie moved the slate, DiAnna seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Discussion:** Alison asked Ted to summarize and continue to update on regular requirements of the Board and its Officers. The following are responsibilities: CAP grant, taxes (Federal Form 990), State forms to include Charities Registration, contract with the Town, Danby Area News (The DAN), sign policy, United Way forms/reports filed twice a year in April and October. United Way grants come in in July and reporting is done online and if United Way has questions they follow up with e-mail. Bill Evans asked about the Charity 501 (c)(3). Ted and Julie explained that if the budget is below 50K, with most being "pass-through", then we file with "post card" form. The DCC budget is roughly 1/2 through the Town, 1/3 Danby News, 1/6 United Way, CAP, and donations. Ted volunteered to update via the Internal Board e-mail. He may be able to set up a website for the DCC.

Alison asked Ted to give background on The DAN and the relationship with the Town Board. Ted became editor through Dan Klein's suggestion. Ted will continue to post DCC and Youth events and related notices in The DAN. Expenses and monthly requirements: Labels \$1500 (900) 500 postal patron taking about 2 hours of labor. Julie has been doing the labeling and post office. Katharine and DiAnna volunteered to learn and take over this responsibility in connection to Ted's assembly and production.

Gould raised a question that this discussion indicated that the positive response and relationship between The DAN and the DCC and since The DAN is one of the biggest jobs of the DCC, shouldn't the editor of The DAN be an Ex-Officio member of the DCC Board. Julie asked if Ted would be willing to be appointed to fill Cathleen's vacant seat.

Gould moved that the Editor of The Danby Area News be appointed as an Ex-Officio Member of the Board:

- 1) whereas the editorship of The DAN is one of the major functions of the DCC and the Editor needs to be well-informed of the actions and deliberations of the DCC, and
- 2) whereas the Danby News is the public relations arm of the DCC.

Therefore we propose that the Editor of the DAN be appointed as an Ex-Officio member of the DCC Board. The motion was moved by Gould and seconded by Julie.

Discussion: Bill Evans asked how many 501(c)(3)s there are in connection with the Town and if there are other entities in Danby with contracts with the Town. Julie said that the Seniors and Park have no relation to the Town at all. The DAN is the Town's official newspaper. Questions arose about potential problems the Town might have regarding the proposal. Discussion included points that the contract between the DCC and the Town includes language about The DAN, and the Editor and a Sign policy (the sign is owned by the DCC). The contract does not include language about how the DCC should administer The DAN. Alison asked if there should be terms set for the editor. The response was, no. Bill asked if this is symbolic? Gould stated, no that it is not, that it comes up as this is an important activity of the Community Council. Bill asked if there are any other entities that should be extended the ex-Officio membership. Alison wondered about the Cornell Cooperative Extension. There are three contracts in regard to the Cooperative: The County and the Town, The Town and the DCC and the DCC and the Cooperative Extension. It was determined and discussion concluded with the editor being the only Ex-Officio, non-voting member at this time. The motion was read again and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the Ex-Officio, non-voting status for the Editor.

Further Items: The Town/DCC contract. Julie has the contract as it currently stands in the DCC discussions and will distribute it to members of the DCC for review. When the DCC has finished discussion and corrections/additions/deletions, the contract will be returned to the Town Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Julie.

**Youth Programming, Cornell Cooperative Extension, County Youth Services Grants:** The sub-committee continues to meet with David Sanders, Shelley Jo Lester, and Karlita Bleam regarding ideas and hours for programs. Ted will publish the notice in The DAN about applications for grants. The DCC will look for a youth to write an article for The DAN regarding youth employment and youth involvement in Danby.

Attendance in the programs at this time is a bit low. Some reasons may be seasonal and weather related. Karlita is working up new ideas and considering hours. She has scheduled "Sledding in the Park" for the last Saturday in February.

Ideas from the Board: Alison, Tracking program, direct marketing to Danby families in Kids Fliers to be distributed at the schools, Spring Fling and Trebuchet, Family Primitive Pursuits.

**Event Follow-up:** Ongoing: use of library space and potential author discussions; donations and snack. Gould asked about forming a formal relationship with the library. DiAnna volunteered to visit the Library meeting. She may try to suggest two-way meeting attendance--someone from the Library Board to attend the DCC.

**Event Planning:** Julie reminds us that we need to discuss how to spread out the \$700 from CAP. As Jim Gaudet and the Railway Boys were scheduled for Bound For Glory, there is potential for their coming to Danby. The Grady Girls are scheduled for March 15. DiAnna wondered about Laura Wolf and Kids Band (this could fall under family program funding). The Klezmer groups are not a viable option at this time. Katharine will check with Jack Miller regarding The Gay Men's Chorus. Bob Stritchartz may have options for the coming months. DiAnna volunteered to help with refreshments. Gould and Ted reminded us to pursue having Wayne Myers as an author in conjunction with the library in a "Danby Read-in" with the library as a co-sponsor (poster, shared attendance etc). Date to be considered for the first Read-In, 3 p.m. on a Saturday in April. Gould has also suggested having Wayne bring his tool collection for a hands-on and talk event.

Brainstorming ideas: White Hawk is a nearby neighbor with kids and parents to volunteer. Greg Nelson mentioned possible involvement at the annual meeting. More discussion about how to get groups in Danby involved.

Alison continued the discussion from the annual meeting about Pi Day. Plans are not set, but suggested for Saturday, 3.14.15 9:26:53.

Bill and DiAnna will work on ideas for nature events.

West Danby events upcoming: DCC has allocated money for a concert at Wayne Myers gardens. West Danby's successful egg hunt will repeat this year.

**Next Meeting:** March 5, 2015

**Meeting Adjourned 10:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Katharine Hunter and Bill Evans