

**Danby Community Council**

**Date: 3/5/2015**

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Danby Town Hall, 7:30pm**

**Board members present:** Alison Christie (Pres.), Julie Clougherty (Treas.), Gould Colman, Bill Evans, H. Katharine Hunter (Secr.), Ted Crane (ex officio, non-voting)

**Absent:** Cathleen Banford, DiAnna Snyder (V. Pres.)

**Others present:** Scott Davis

**Privilege of the Floor:** None

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Upon approval

**Board Elections:** Alison proposed that the Board accept Katharine Hunter's resignation as Secretary and appoint Bill Evans to fill the position effective as of this meeting. The Board unanimously approved this transition. Notification was received for Cathleen Banford's resignation from the Board. Further discussion and clarification on the terms of the existing Board Members occurred. As it stands:

3 Board Members serving one-year terms ending 1/1/16

Alison Christie

Julie Clougherty

Bill Evans

3 Board Members serving two-year terms ending 1/1/17

Gould Colman

Katharine Hunter

DiAnna Snyder

Cathleen Banford's intent to resign will leave the seventh Director position vacant.

**DISCUSSION**

***Youth Programming***

The Board discussed recent and future events. The sledding day (Feb 28) at Dotson Park that was arranged by Karlita drew limited attendance likely due to the strong winds. Future events this spring include a girl's day and Primitive Pursuits.

Discussion then shifted to the topic of evaluation of the Cooperative Extension Youth Program and upcoming meetings with youth development staff and Youth Subcommittee members (Karlita, Dave Sanders, and Shelley Lester).

Ted brought up the importance of promptly including information about youth programs in the *Danby News* and consolidating email lists. Katharine mentioned the importance of mutual feedback ("give and take") with Karlita and the DCC to optimize programming. Several Directors commented on money issues with the Youth Program and the question arose whether the program is worth it if only a handful of kids are attending.

In summary, numerous items need to be addressed and the outlook was that these things will be dealt with in a forthcoming annual report from Shelley and through discussions with the Youth Subcommittee members, who tentatively will attend the April meeting.

### ***Events scheduled***

3/14 Pi Day Celebration -- Ted Crane noted that the West Danby Pancake Breakfast "St. Patty's Day Breakfast" was occurring the same morning as the Pi Day celebration and wondered if it might make sense to dovetail the Pi Day celebration with the breakfast. After discussion, it was decided to hold the Pi Day celebration at Danby Town Hall and let folks traverse between the two if desired.

Alison brought up the idea of purchasing tattoos and/or buttons for the Pi Day celebration with DCC funds. After discussion, it was decided that buttons would involve more work and be more costly. Gould moved that DCC funds be used to buy special Pi Day tattoos, Alison seconded the motion, and Board unanimously approved. Alison would place the order and bring the tattoos to the event.

[In the year 2015, Pi Day has special significance on 3/14/15 [*mm/dd/yy* date format] at 9:26:53 a.m. and also at p.m., with the date and time representing the first 10 digits of  $\pi$ . That same second also contained a precise instant corresponding to *all* of the digits of  $\pi$ ].

3/15 Grady Girls concert. Several Directors offered to assist, bring food, and help clean up.

Gould has arranged for Wayne Myers to give a presentation on "local history" on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Event planning***

Bill has arranged for Meena Haribal to give a presentation on damselflies and dragonflies in July – date to be determined.

Gould expressed interest in having John and Randy Hoffmann give a performance.

Ted discussed the possibility of a concert with the West Danby String Throttlers. He also suggested the possibility of Pat Curran giving a presentation on gardens.

Other upcoming family events discussed were gardening in Dotson Park and a Lego building day. Alison also brought up the possibility of a future event involving Lego Mindstorms – Lego kits for building programmable robots.

***Treasurer's report***

Julie presented the current financial report.

***Final notes***

Julie mentioned she will soon be sending out the Town contract for the Directors to review.

Alison noted a new partnership with the Church regarding a spring community garden.

An invitation has been extended to the DCC to attend Town Board meeting on April 13 with regard to discussing the contract with the Town.

***Next meeting***

Next DCC meeting - April 2.

***The meeting adjourned after 9:30pm***

*Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans*