

Danby Community Council
Date: August 6, 2015
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members present: Alison Christie (Pres.), Gould Colman (VP), Julie Clougherty (Treasurer), Katharine Hunter, Ted Crane (ex officio, non-voting)

Board Members absent: Bill Evans (Secr.)

Others present: David Sanders, Susan Franklin

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW:

Barn Dance tomorrow at Ted's barn: potluck at 6 PM, waltzing at 7 PM

W. Danby Picnic Saturday Aug 29 at 1 PM at Hatch Pavilion – dish-to-pass, grill available

Item III will be added to Item V

II. YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

David Sanders noted that some numbers came into today that he will send Alison in an email – the youth employment program has Danby youth employed at 5 sites, having clocked 466.5 hours (average of 93 hours per youth) to date.

Dave provided a draft 2016 budget, pointing out some highlights:

- We're losing 7% of last year's budget (\$2000) for Youth Employment, which we knew about.
- CCE wants to raise the wage to a Living Wage., which will add \$1352.
- With the sharing of the new youth program manager with JYC, we will save money on personnel expenses. So with that adjustment, his budget expenses are only \$50 over revenue.

He also announced that the County Administrator had planned to put \$75,000 back into the county youth program, but now says that he can't recommend it, because county sales tax receipts were lower, and overtime was much higher (sheriff's dept, EMT, etc.). The legislature could still do it, so at this point we don't have this extra \$5001 we had been quasi-promised. **We can talk to Dan Klein and support his advocacy for increased youth program funding despite the lack of recommendation from Joe, and we can talk to the Town Board about either advocating to the county or to replace the missing funds.**

Enfield is going to be building a Community Center with a commercial kitchen.

III. VOTES:

A. MINUTES:

We discussed approving the June 4 minutes: Gould moved and Katharine seconded. All four members present approved.

February 2015 minutes: Julie moved, Gould seconded, all approved as changed. Changes will be presented to Bill for updating.

B. PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO HIRE TRAVIS JUDD:

Whereas, we don't have an official policy on making group decisions outside of meetings. Last month, given the time constraint in regard to hiring a new program manager, President Alison Christie solicited

support from the board via phone or email to get everyone's approval for her to authorize his hire by CCE.

Resolved, that the board tonight confirm that decision to authorize CCE to offer Travis Judd a part-time position as Danby's Youth Program Manager. Julie moved and Gould seconded the proposal. All in favor. Motion passed.

IV. DISCUSSION:

- A. YOUTH PROGRAMMING:** Travis attended the first floating classroom day with Shelley Lester driving the van.

24 youth came to today's program, which was Travis' debut as Program Manager. Kids aged 5-adult went on the Floating Classroom, which was preceded by a hike at Buttermilk State Park.

Alison will propose that he come to the next meeting, and Gould proposed that he meet the Town Board. We need to introduce him in the newsletter, perhaps the kids can interview him and include a photo. We proposed having a meet Travis prior to our next meeting.

At the last youth subcommittee meeting, they worked on his schedule. He will be off Aug 14-21 and return the week of Aug 24 will be holding programs. And the first week of September – needs to go into DAN. Regular programming will be starting up mid-Sept.

As far as longer-term goals: Alison shared previous subcommittee goals for our youth program. We discussed how much direction vs. autonomy he would have. Overall, we agreed that he should have some of both: direction in regard to what age groups we most want him to serve, and autonomy as far as programming. Katharine discussed wanting to get him to do some kind of reporting to assess the success of the program – maybe evaluations. Having kids actually write about their experiences would be good for the Town and the county, too.

We discussed our overall program goals again: do we focus on at-risk kids more or just try to provide activities for Danby kids to be together?

B. EVENTS & OTHER PROGRAMS:

Debriefing –

1. **Naturalist series** – postponed debriefing of this and Fun Day until Bill is here.
2. **Miss Angie's Kid Show**
3. **Danby Fun Day** – see above

Upcoming –

1. **Concerts:** Nov. 8 w/Lynn Craver (Opera & Piano).

Ted has 5 possible concerts: Bluegrass Swing with Rick Manning and Bobby Henry; Judy Hyman and Jeff Klaus; Grassanova; West Danby String Throttlers; John Hoffman. Mostly old-time or traditional. Jim Lawrence (Alison's neighbor) has a duo – she thinks he'd be great. Tom D'Ambrose is someone Katharine is considering asking.

2. **Harvest Festival** – Date set for Oct. 11 at 2-5 PM, with a rain date for October 18th. Ted suggested having Travis do a program to help prepare for it.

3. **New Ideas** – Gould reminded us that we had talked about doing a cool thing again. We decided to set a date for November. Gould will talk to Wayne Myers about either the 15th or the 22nd. Julie proposed having a soup potluck. Stump the Expert, Celebrity Panel, Show and Tell were all ideas for themes that were bandied about. Christmas Bird Count pre-event.

V. FINANCES – Julie does not have a treasurer’s report prepared for today. She did report that the bank balance today is \$11,940.91. She will submit a financial report by email/mail before the next meeting, and will also include a report on the youth grant program for the third quarter of 2015.

VI. GOVERNANCE –

Gould Colman made a motion to endorse and welcome Susan Franklin’s enthusiastic proposal to join our number, and to appoint her as a board member, effective immediately, until the next annual meeting. Seconded by Julie Clougherty. All in favor, motion passed.
WELCOME, AND THANK YOU, SUSAN!! (sbf386@hotmail.com)

The Town Board has invited us to have a presence on their website, basically explaining our presence, and events? Pam Goddard sent an email to Alison and Julie introducing us to Jordie Van Ham to set it up. Alison will be the liason for any content we send his way, checking in with us by email.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Clougherty
6 August 2015