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Present: Katharine Hunter, Danny Wheeler, Gould Colman, Susan Franklin, Julie Clougherty, Alison Christie (chair), Ted Crane (ex-officio, secretary for the day)

Absent: Bill Evans

Guests/Public: Kelsey [Stafford] Rossbach (United Way)

Meeting brought to order at 3:05pm

Announcements

Alison announced the West Danby Community Association Seasonal Caroling event, to be held 12/20, 3pm, at Slow Lane (Ted & Pamela's place).

Gould shared the minutes of a date-undetermined but long-ago, meeting regarding the migration of people into the Danby region, the problem created by car hulks visible from the roads, and its solution.

Event Follow-Up

Alison described the "Unidentified Found Objects" event from November 15. Ted showed pictures. Julie estimated attendance at 35, including several folks from, "another county".

Susan wondered whether it might be an appropriate booth for Fun Day. Talk about making it a part of the Youth Programming.

Upcoming Events

Bird Count Warmup, December 6, 10:30am, Town Hall. *Bill Evans sent word that he and Asher Hockett have everything under control*, and that he hopes we'll all be able to attend. Alison asked folks to bring extra binoculars. Bring sign-up sheet to collect contact info from attendees.

Concert: Long John and the Tights, December 13, 3pm, Town Hall. *Ted will make last minute arrangements with performers and open hall. Alison will bring treats.*

Bird Count, January 1. Details to be firmed up and publicized during (and after) warmup meeting.

Danby News

Danny noted that he didn't received his December issue yet (Benny Lane).

Event Planning

Annual Meeting, January 21, 7pm, Town Hall. Formal agenda is annual report, financial report, election of directors. Alison described the wonderful, food-laden atmosphere of the WDCA meeting (yum). Last year, the DCC invited other community groups to attend its meeting. Julie suggested sending invites to the same folks, also to make it a potluck. How about talking about

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the initial planning for a “Danby 225 Years” celebration in 2020?

A meeting of community groups, organized by DCC, was discussed. What they need, how the DCC could help them. Seniors, for example, snow shoveling. Smoke detectors and battery changing. What can Seniors do for Youth?

Katharine suggested an event that would bring together segments of the community, based on preventing (or, putting into perspective) situations similar to the Hornbrook Road or Nelson Road incidents of 2015.

Living History (Civil War) in the Park

Danny contacted 148th Company E Volunteer Infantry, the oldest re-enactor group in New York State, and Sydney Camp #41 of Sons of Union Veterans. They are very interested but their July and August weekends are already booked up. September weather can be if-fy. They like June. *We like the weekend of June 10-11-12, 2016.*

Danny suggests having the Youth Programming prepare for participation in the event. He described what these groups do; asked about some funding (\$100s?). A similar event took place in Ithaca (via the Tompkins County Sesquicentennial Committee) two years ago; estimated attendance: 500.

Could Fire Company hold a pancake breakfast? They get donations, re-enactors have food source.

United Way

Kelsey gets the Danby News, would love to have copies of minutes, reports, etc. The UW is really its volunteers; the seven or eight staff members merely support them. Six to ten volunteers per issue area, such as marketing, planning, evaluating grant requests.

Hunger and Food Security grants are offered twice a year (possibly matching Alison’s interest).

The Community Care Fund will be opened to all non-profits in the near future (we get our current funding through this fund). The Planning committee has discussed moving Community Councils into a separate category, one that would get special help with the grant process.

Danby, among others, is underrepresented in the Youth Philanthropy program (youth deciding how to divvy up grant funds).

Gould expressed interest in numbers describing UW contributions to Danby for the past few decades. Kelsey noted that donors can designate contributions to Danby. Ted asked whether commentary on our grant applications—positive/negative feedback—was available.

Future Concerts and Events

Alison has contacted Grady Girls about March, but has not made much progress on Driftwood.

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Katharine has talked Terry Light, jazz and blues. He is not worried about fees. Terry Light, Steve Brown, and Alejandro (?). Perhaps February 7 or 21? *Katharine will follow up.*

Bob Strichartz might be in touch with Gustavo (?) from West Danby.

Alison will talk to Pat Curran about her garden slideshow, January or February 14.

Alison suggested a youth-oriented concert in Dotson Park.

Budget

Julie distributed the Treasurer's Report for November and early December.

Use of Space in Danby School

Gould contacted the Ithaca School District. Was given contact info for facilities management: Paul Alexander. 607.280.3900, [palexand@icsd.k12.ny.us]. Gould was hesitant to anticipate a warm reception from Alexander, to our idea of making use of space in the old Danby School. Gould will attend the next School Board meeting and raise the subject directly with them.

Annual Meeting

End of term: Alison, Julie (2); Bill, Susan, Danny (1)

Middle of term: Gould, Katharine.

All are willing to continue; three will take 2-year terms, two will take 1-year terms. The result is that future elections will meet the either-3-or-4 Directors being elected to 2-year terms.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

Next Meeting: January 7, 7pm, Town Hall