

MINUTES
Danby Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday July 6 2017 5 pm

Board Members present:, Ted Crane, Alison Christie (Pres.), Bill Evans (Secr.), Susan Franklin, H. Katharine Hunter (VP), Danny Wheeler

Board Members absent: Julie Clougherty

Others present: Dave Sanders (Tompkins County Youth Services - TCYS)

Welcome & Announcements

Youth Program

Dave Sanders explained the recent collapse of the proposed youth program partnership with Newfield. Briefly, after a lengthy process, Newfield backed out (letter of ~June 23) due to financial & creative control issues.

Dave is now working part time for the County Administrator – he will continue working with Danby for TCYS through the end of the year and likely into 2018.

After discussion, all agreed on giving Shelley Lester (CCE Rural Youth Services Coordinator) the go-ahead to begin the hiring process for a half-time youth program coordinator, offering the potential for additional hours with existing extra funds available. All agreed on asking Dave to talk with Janice and Amy at TCYS about the possibility of continuing to move forward with the Park Grant without Newfield in order to provide service to West Danby and the Newfield trailer park. Additionally, all agreed that we should ask TCYS to look for alternate ongoing grant support for an expanded youth services program in Danby.

Alison initiated organizing the hiring committee and invited anyone interested to be involved.

Ted brought up the idea of steering existing money we don't use for the youth program into the youth employment program.

Finally, it was agreed that the church should receive a donation for its contribution of facilities to the youth program. Additional funds for this next year would be included in the next budget request from the Town. If it appears funds will be available this year, a contribution could be made in 2017.

Minutes

Ted moved to approve the June 6, 2017 Minutes. All present approved them as amended.

Event Follow-up

Flute concert – Alison noted it was lovely concert. About 45 attended with about \$45 donated.

June bird walks –The first walk on June 10 went around the trail in back of Jennings Pond. There had been heavy rain just prior to the walk but 11 birders showed up including Bill, Asher Hockett, Geo Kloppel, and Wes Blauvelt who all informally led the walk. Long time Cayuga Bird Club member Marty Schlabach and his wife Mary Jean drove all the way from Interlaken

and shared their considerable bird knowledge. Wes posted the results of over 40 species to Ebird. Highlights were Virginia Rails and local nesting neotropical migrant delights like Blue-winged and Chestnut-sided Warbler. The second walk, on June 11, went around the trail at Dotson Park. It took place on a gorgeous morning and attracted about 10 birders (many from previous walk). House Wrens had surprisingly occupied most of the recently installed blue bird boxes. A few of Danby's small colony of Chimney Swifts were seen and local neotropical migrant nesters such as Warbler Vireo, Veery, and Prairie Warbler were detected by song.

Event Planning

Fishing Derby – nothing happening yet.

Floating Classroom – Alison suggested investigating one or two dates in August. Katharine will call the program coordinator Bill Foster to check out availability and cost.

Fun Day – Ted, Susan, and Bill attended a recent meeting. Susan attended another. After they recapped these meetings, discussion followed on what level of participation the DCC might contribute given the unknowns with the youth coordinator – Fun Day scheduled for September 23 and the earliest we might have a youth coordinator would be Sep 15. Alison suggested that the DCC could contribute the physics bus. Bill stressed that we don't want our Fun Day contribution to take away from the Harvest Festival. Katharine noted the DCC Charter serving youth & family. Bill suggested that further discussion on the matter be shelved until the August DCC meeting.

Scholarships – three people waiting for grants. Plenty of funding remaining for additional grants.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm

Quote of the meeting:

There's a hole in the bucket, dear Liza dear Liza -Susan (singing first line in the song "There's a Hole in the Bucket")

Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans