

**Danby Community Council**  
**Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, 07-Dec-2017, 7pm**

**Present:** Susan Franklin, Danny Wheeler, Ted Crane, secretary for the day), Katharine Hunter (arrived 7:15), Alison Christie (chair, arrived 7:30)

**Absent:** Bill Evans, Julie Clougherty

**Guests/Public:** none

**Meeting brought to order at 7:30pm**

**Announcements**

- After PO lost the November issue, Danby News shifted to hand-carrying copies to Spencer PO, received congrats from staff there. Even with travel reimbursement, cost for delivery is cheaper than having PO transport from Ithaca to Spencer. Also changed to “flat” format, as required by new bulk mail staff at PO.
- Pancake Breakfasts at the Fire Departments start in December.
- Upcoming Youth trip to Syracuse.
- Upcoming Bird Warmup event. Town Hall, 16-Dec, 2pm.
- Upcoming Concert: Jazz w/ Scarpulla, Robinson, Aceto, Town Hall, 10-Dec, 3pm.
- WDCA has upcoming Seasonal Singing event at Slow Lane, 17-Dec, 3pm.

**Approval of November Minutes**

A brief discussion about the November minutes uncovered subjective reporting of the contestants in the Big Pumpkin contest. The winner, according to the description in the minutes, was a, “gorgeous orange orb,” but the general opinion, supported by contemporaneous photographs, revealed it to be somewhat less attractive than described. The text was amended to, “scabby, pale lump,” and a sentence was added: “The third place (by weight) entry, in spite of almost two months less growing time, was a gorgeous orb with healthy, glowing, and velvety orange skin.” The minutes, as amended, were moved by Crane, seconded by Wheeler, and approved unanimously.

**Event Follow-Up**

- The Middle Eastern Music and Treats event in November was attended by 80 people including 15 youngsters. Donations adding up to approximately \$120 were received. Everyone loved the music, and the food earned rave reviews.
- The Lily Silly Puppet event in November was also well received. Approximately 60 people attended include an astounding 30 youngsters. Everyone went home happy.
- The Photographic Tour of the Solar System event on December 3 turned out 35 attendees including 17 youngsters. Event-appropriate treats, including Tang drinks, Orbit gum, and Starburst candies were served. Although the speaker was unpaid, those present approved an appreciative donation to SPIF (Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility) at Cornell. We will aim to have a similar event again, in two years.

**Upcoming Events**

- Concert: Jazz w/ Scarpulla, Robinson, Aceto. Hunter will open and may bring some treats. She will also get a payment check (or checks) from Clougherty.
- Bird Warmup: Evans will take care of it.
- Bird Count, January 1. Details to be firmed up and publicized during (and after) warmup meeting.
- West Danby Community Association Annual Meeting: WD Fire Station, Saturday, 20-Jan, will feature food and a music jam.
- The DCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Town Hall, Wednesday, 10-Jan, 7pm. Board members are asked to bring cocoa and pie.
- The detailed schedule for the Syracuse trip was described:
  - 9:30am, meet at the DCCH
  - 11am, arrive Syracuse
  - Noon, movie w/ popcorn, visit museum
  - 3:30pm, lunch
  - 5pm, viewing of outdoor lights
  - 7:30pm, return to Danby

### **Event Planning**

- Alison is exploring a “Crankie” event for January. She explained what a crankie is and the Board viewed examples on the web.
- Interest was expressed in having a classical guitar concert event, perhaps featuring one or more of the talented instrumentalists associated with the Lily Silly show.
- Alison will contact the Gradys for a traditional Irish music concert in March, scheduled around St.Patrick’s day, either 11-Mar or 18-Mar.
- “Get Bill to pin down.” Whatever this cryptic note means, it was discussed. Perhaps something to do with a presentation on the natural world? Anyway, Bill will take care of it.
- Bob Strichartz is interested in arranging a classical music concert, perhaps for April, perhaps a return visit by Arianna Kim.
- Interest was expressed in hosting another “tracking workshop”, somewhere outdoors.
- Alison is working on a repeat of last year’s “Seed to Supper” program, perhaps better timed to inform participants ahead of planting season.
- Alison will schedule free tax preparation sessions at Town Hall.
- Health talk potentials: Tick Talk (w/ Mary Woodsen), End of Life, and Bee Pollinators.
- General info about another Civil War Encampment, the weekend of June 23/24 was discussed. The event would take place in the park, but it has been suggested that the campground, at least, be located on flatter ground, perhaps nearer the bath facilities in the DCCH.
- **Subsequent to meeting:** Ted was approached by *Grassanova* about a possible concert in January. The DCC Board indicated approval via Email, and the concert was scheduled for January 21, 3pm, in Town Hall.

**Meeting adjourned at about 10pm.**

**Next Meeting: January 4, 7pm, Town Hall**