

MINUTES
Danby Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday January 10 2018 5:15pm

Board Members present: Alison Christie (Pres.), Ted Crane, Julie Clougherty (Treas.), Bill Evans (until 6pm) (Secr.), Susan Franklin, H. Katharine Hunter (VP), Danny Wheeler

Board Members absent: none

Others present none

Welcome and Announcements

Ted reported that the bulk mail person at the Post Office recently informed him that (though we have been following PO instructions) we have not been sending the DAN to complete routes, and therefore we do not technically qualify for the saturation mailing rate we have been receiving (for years!). So postage rates for the DAN will likely be going up.

Susan awarded Bill (& his family) the award for the largest pumpkin (~97 lbs) grown in the inaugural Danby Giant Pumpkin contest. Bill reported that he recently extracted seeds from the beautiful behemoth for use by any townsfolk interested in entering the 2018 competition.

Alison announced that the West Danby Annual Meeting will be held at 5pm, January 20th and will include food & old time music.

Minutes

The December 7, 2017 Minutes were moved by Danny and all approved.

Event Follow-up

Eleven hearty folks ventured out in the below zero weather to count birds in the Danby section of the Ithaca "Christmas Bird Count" coordinated by Asher Hockett. 33 species of birds were found including Bald Eagle, Yellow-rumped Warbler & Winter Wren. The pre-count warm-up on December 16 attracted four new potential participants to the growing flock of Danby birders.

Zoe Ponterio of the Cornell Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility program gave an excellent presentation on December 3rd. ~35 attended. The DCC agreed on a \$100 donation to SPIF (via Cornell) to come out of the 2017 budget.

Scarpulla, Robinson, and Aceto Jazz performance. Fun event! 53 people attended including five youth. \$122 in donations.

Event Planning

Grassanova, bluegrass and other insanely happy tunes, Sunday, 21-Feb, 3pm. Ted will open. Julie will get food, Katharine will serve. Danny may bring something, too.

Tax Prep: 10-Feb, Town Hall, 24-Feb, West Danby Fire Station. Both 10am-2pm. Susan will open.

Cranky Show: 11-Feb, maybe. Aimed at adults, suitable for youngsters. Musical interludes included. Perhaps an hour or 90 minutes.

Grady Girls: Alison emailed Marie, has no answer. No date decided.

Mary Woodsen's tentatively scheduled presentation on Lyme disease this spring has been postponed.

Norm Trigoboff is still on the schedule for doing a lichen & moss walk in May.

Jazz Thing with Dennis Wing. Dennis suggests a program on, How To Listen To Music.

Bob Strichartz has a potential concert for May, violinist Ariana Kim.

Civil War: Danny says the 148th voted unanimously to be here, June 23/24.

Financial

Discussion on amount paid to musicians for performances and whether we can raise stipend to \$300. Currently we pay \$150 for single and \$250 for groups. The concert budget for 2018 is \$2750, which would allow up to nine concerts at \$300 each, perhaps more if singles are involved.

Julie distributed and reviewed the December financial report.

Governance

Julie the Treasurer is rotating off the Board. She is willing to continue doing the work, if needed, but the new Board will have to identify someone to supervise her work.

Continuing: Katharine Hunter, Danny Wheeler

Eligible for re-election: Susan Franklin, Ted Crane, Bill Evans

Rotating out: Alison Christie, Julie Clougherty.

Discussion about potential new members.

Meeting Adjourned 7 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans (based largely on notes provided by Ted Crane)