

DCC Meeting 20180301

7pm Town Hall

Directors Present:

Ted Crane
Cathy Darrow
Susan Franklin
Bill Evans
Katharine Hunter

Directors Missing:

Danny Wheeler

Guests:

Mary Ann Barr, Town Historian

Meeting opened at 7:10

Announcements

Danby News arrived in W-ville on 2/27 and in Ithaca and Spencer on 2/28.

Additions to the Agenda

Bill needs a letter with a resolution on paper to update check-writing signature at bank.

Bill will Email November and January minutes to Ted; Ted already has December minutes.

Bill asked to add an update about events.

Danby News Update

Ted described the most recent interaction with the USPS Bulk Mail office, all to the good.

Grant Writing

Ronda Roaring inquired about whether the DCC has a grant writer. She's not volunteering, and she realizes that the DCC is too small to afford a paid grant writer. Currently, we handle each grant on an as-needed basis; typically the person most involved with the project does the paperwork.

Privilege of the Floor

Mary Ann Barr introduced herself. Alexandra Pfeiffer has had to bow out of the Co-Historian position.

Mary Ann wants to get the word out to Danby that Danby has history, Danby has a historian, and she is aiming to produce an event sponsored by Historic Ithaca, called, "Walk and Talk." She's looking to talk about the Danby Community Church. Is there a connection between DCC and this sort of activity? Mailing list?

Mary Ann would like to build a file of resources in Town. She now uses the Supervisor's office.

She gets calls from the public. For example, the Swartout/King family—out of the blue—called and wanted to donate a clock. Or, someone called to find the Denton Cemetery. The what?

Approval of Minutes

After finding one superfluous asterisk and a "were", Bill needed Ted unmercifully about the February minutes. Bill then moved the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Recent Events

Tax Prep in Danby Town Hall (2/10) and West Danby Fire Station (2/24) were attended by 4 clients and 1 preparer and by 6 clients, 2 preparers, and a supervisor. Some clients were brand new and others were first-timers.

Crankies in Danby Town Hall (2/18) was attended by about 51 people including 8 yoot. Donations totalled ???.

Finances

United Way report may be due soon. The fiscal year is July through June, so a final report is upcoming and an application for this year, too.

Ted raised the issue of purchasing a list of all addresses in Danby from a USPS-certified mailing specialist. This list is not available from USPS. Minimum cost is \$100. Ted is pretty happy about our existing mailing list, but a USPS-based list would close all loopholes. Maybe. The idea was deferred until Bill had a better feel for the budget resources.

Ted will write a letter documenting the election of new officers, sign it, and give it to Bill for the bank (to authorize his signature on checks).

Upcoming Events

Katharine: Jazz (How To Listen To Music) event is in the works but not yet ready for scheduling.

Grady Girls (March 11): Ted will open doors and do logistics. Cathy will contact Alison Christie to arrange for refreshments. Katharine will do failsafe backup.

Ariana Kim (April 15): Bill highly recommends this violinist.

Earth Day (April 22): Bill has talked to Norm Trigoboff (mosses); originally aiming for May, but Ronda Roaring has arranged for Norm and Marla Copolino (land snails) to present on Earth Day. Bill wonders how to handle this possible conflict. It was agreed to offer to sponsor the talks and provide our usual speaker's fee, \$150.

Youth Committee

Youth Committee met on February 9. Melis Schildkraut provided a report documenting activities.

Melis designed a logo for the Youth Programs. It may appear on shirts (funding carried forward from 2017). Ted pointed out that nothing on the logo says, "Danby Community Council." This will be addressed during the next committee meeting.

Next Youth Committee meeting is March 9, 11am.

Miscellaneous

Susan will contact Jordie VanHamm (the Town web master) to get the page on the Town's web site updated.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Next Meeting

The meeting room is not available on our usual date, April 5. Meeting to be rescheduled by Email.