

DCC Meeting 20180410

7pm Town Hall

Directors Present:

Ted Crane (secretary)
Cathy Darrow
Bill Evans (treasurer)
Katharine Hunter (vp, presiding)
Danny Wheeler

Directors Missing:

Susan Franklin

Guests:

Theresa Joseph, Seed-to-Supper

Meeting opened at 7:17

Announcements

Danby News was mailed 3/28, arrived in W-ville on 4/9 and in Ithaca and Spencer on 3/31. Bulk

Ted had problems with his domain registrar and is moving all his domains to another, including the [danbycc.org] domain. Email has been reconfigured to work more-or-less the way it used to.

Everyone expressed wishes for Susan's speedy return.

Additions to the Agenda

Theresa Joseph, from Seed-to-Supper program.

Seed-to-Supper Proposal

The seed-to-supper program is intended for people who need a source of inexpensive food, perhaps in

conjunction with the Food Pantry, but is open to anyone who wants better tasting, fresh veggies.

Five classes, Wednesdays beginning May 9, 6:30-8:30pm, with a different subject for each. Free plants, free seeds. The sixth class, in August, will be about what to do with veggies: cooking, preservation, etc. Coop Ext is providing all the materials for this program; Theresa will do the presentations in Danby (other Towns also have the program). Expects maybe 15 participants. Free!

Question for us: can DCC sponsor this? Katharine and/or Danny will cover Town Hall during programs.

Privilege of the Floor

Rick Dobson spoke about difficulty getting an article placed in the Danby News, about his plan to begin building 8 housing units for the elderly, about difficulties with the Fire Commissioners (who did not have a quorum for a meeting). He doesn't like the new zoning in Danby, the lack of a store, a hotel, a hardware store, businesses, and everything else. He is concerned about the vulnerability of Danby to potential disasters. He is not happy about the stop work order issued by the Town on his construction of Astreeian Mountain.

Approval of Minutes

Bill suggested removal of the words "and lichens". Danny moved approval of the March 01 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Review of Recent Events

There was a really large bunny with two-day long whiskers at the egg hunt who, it was claimed, could not get out of his fur after the event ended. Joel Gagnon explained the rules, then Peter Fraissinet led everyone in a, "Happy Easter," cheer, and the hunt was on. Kids had a blast while the adults warmed up with coffee, bagels, and cream cheese. There was an estimate of about 50 people attending, including 18 adults.

Upcoming Event Planning

15-Apr, Violin concert. Bob Strichartz and Ted will open. Katharine and Cathy will serve refreshments.

22-Apr, Earth Day. Ted and Pamela will be out there in orange vests, cleaning the road, and hoping they won't be alone. Katharine will open Town Hall for 1pm presentation. After that, it's Ronda's responsibility. Bill will provide two \$75 checks for the presenters, Norm Trilobite and Marla Coppolino.

29-May, Natural History/Bobolinks with Tom Gavin. Tom, a Cornell prof emeritus, is a world expert on Bobolinks. Tuesday, 7pm, Bill will handle opening.

June 22-23-ish, Civil War. Danny says that everything is lined up. Church has prepared its backyard. The "units" are ready. Honoraria for the cannon guy and the units were discussed; final decision at a future meeting. Small unit of Confederates is expected. Alison Christie is coordinating a marketing grant. Church will be open all weekend for personal sanitation, etc. Chaplain from the 148th will do Sunday service.

Event Prospects

Alison wrote Bill and Katharine about Sarah Blodget, a wildlife photographer. K will bring this up with Melis, as a possible addition to a Youth program about photography. Perhaps invite her to Harvest Fest as a vendor.

Mary Woodsen may be interested in another Tick Talk. Bill will contact.

Katharine will try to contact Nate Marshall (Nate and Kate). Ted will try to remind Pamela to contact Burns and Kristy.

Everyone will brainstorm and keep an eye out for additional concert performers.

Finances

Bill is still awaiting the Quicken file with all the DCC info from Julie. Bill is learning the job. He will be writing checks for Kim concert, Earth Day speakers, reimbursements, and Danby News postage.

United Way application is all done and in.

Youth Committee

Youth Committee will meet on Friday, April 13, 11am. For \$5000 (plus the Country's matching \$5000) would be enough to extend Melis to full time. Katharine will ask Janice (County Youth Services) whether we could tap into Newfield for funds.

Ted wondered what's happening with Melis' $\frac{3}{4}$ time position, since there are no more programs than we had with a $\frac{1}{2}$ time person. Katharine explained that Melis is spending more time liaising with school personnel, with the goal of getting more youth involved.

Katharine encouraged everyone to attend the Committee meeting. They usually move right along and last no more than 90 minutes.

Miscellaneous

Bill expressed some concern about whether the Youth Grant applications are being processed in a timely fashion. Katharine will try to pick up the slack while Susan is out, and Bill is ready to write checks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32.

Next Meeting

The meeting room will be on the regular meeting date, Thursday, May 3, 7pm, in Town Hall.