

## **DCC Meeting 20180503**

### **7pm Town Hall**

#### **Directors Present:**

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

#### **Directors Missing:**

Susan Franklin (president)  
Danny Wheeler

#### **Guests:**

None

### **Meeting opened at 7:10**

#### **Announcements**

Everyone expressed, again, wishes for Susan's speedy return. Danny is down in Tennessee with The Sons.

Danby News was mailed 4/27, arrived in Ithaca and Spencer on 5/1, as not yet arrived in W-ville.

Bulk mail has made it clear that there is NO quality of service promise for bulk mail. They have pointed out an obscure (to Ted) bit of wording that prohibits us from continuing to "drop ship" to Willseyville to improve delivery speed.

Ted inquired whether the Board thought it was worth his time appealing—actually, asking for an

exception—this ruling. The process would involve USPS offices in Ithaca, Buffalo, Willseyville, Albany, and New York City.

It was agreed that Ted would write something up for inclusion in the next Danby News.

Ted encouraged everyone to fill out the water survey...and to pass the word to their neighbors.

#### **Additions to the Agenda**

None.

#### **Privilege of the Floor**

None.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Bill noted the presence of a superfluous space character in the 4/10 minutes and asked that his "treasurer" title appear next to his name in the attendance. With those changes, Bill gratefully moved approval of the April 10 minutes. Passed unanimously.

#### **Review of Recent Events**

15-Apr, Violin concert w/ Arianna Kim. 31 attendees including 4 yoot. \$35 collected in donations. Words heard "spectacular" "warm and friendly" "great rapport between performers." The gluten-free cookies, in particular, were a big hit.

22-Apr, Earth Day; organized by Ronda Roaring. Approximately 25 bags of garbage were collected from NYS Rt.96B by 11 volunteers. The two DCC-funded speakers, Marla Coppolino (snails, 16 attendees including 4 yoot) and Norm Trigoboff (mosses, both recumbent and upright, 14 attendees including 2 yoot) wowed the crowds. Ronda heaped high praise on Marla's snail talk. The various brands of non-meat hot dogs were a bit mushy, but this was hidden by copious amounts of sauerkraut, mustard, and ketchup, together with sides of olives and salsa (13 attendees including 2 hunnngry yoot). No donations were collected.

## Upcoming Event Planning

06-May, Concert with Nate Marshall. Cathy and Katharine will do snacks. Ted will arrive early to help open, but may have to leave before it ends.

Fees for performers were discussed. Currently, \$150 for one performer, \$250 for any larger number. **It was unanimously agreed to continue the \$150, change \$250 to two performers, and offer \$300 to groups larger than two performers.**

09-May. First meeting of the Seed To Supper workshop. Danny will be opening on May 9, Danny and Katharine will work out the subsequent weeks.

29-May, Natural History/Bobolinks with Tom Gavin. Bill will handle opening.

June 22-24, Civil War. No new information.

## Event Prospects

Katharine and Bill are working with Mary Woodsen to set up another Tick Talk.

Bill is thinking about June 9 for a Bird Walk. Bill will make arrangements and write something for the Danby News.

Ted will remind Pamela to contact Burns and Kristy.

Katharine turned the Sarah Blodgett idea over to Melis and Shelley and it's in their hands..

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

## Finances

Bill is gaining confidence and experience with keeping track of the finances. He bought a copy of Quicken to import Julie's data file (because his copy was older and would not import it).

Bill collected receipts for reimbursement.

Bill voiced some questions about online banking. Ted suggested to, as much as possible, segregate DCC accounts from all his other online presence...and, even so, not use online features.

Bill will be sending the IRS return (a postcard) next week.

## Youth Grants

In Susan's absence, Bill and Katharine are handling the (few) applications for youth grants. They'll follow up on applications that may have fallen thru the cracks.

## Youth Committee

Katharine indicated that Shelly and Janice are providing useful responses to requests for administrative information about the Youth Program. She presented a summary of Melis' hours and tasks during Oct-Dec 2017 and Jan-Mar 2018. CYS's feeling is that Melis could not carry out all her activities on the old 20-hour work week.

There is talk (at Youth Services) about pooling unspent funds from various municipality's programs and making them available for other municipalities.

Bill will attend the next Youth Committee meeting on May 11 at CCE.

## Miscellaneous

None.

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:47.

## Next Meeting

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

**Quote of the Day:** "Green Heron tastes like chicken."