DCC Meeting 20180802
7pm Town Hall

Directors Present:

Bill Evans (treasurer)
Danny Wheeler
Katharine Hunter (vice president)(arrived late)
Susan Franklin (president)
Ted Crane (secretary)

Directors Missing:

Cathy Darrow

Guests:

None.

Meeting opened at 7:08

Additions to the Agenda

Susan asked for a review of the discussion with the Church folks. Danny and Ted tried to give a quick summary. Danny's bottom line: let's try it and if there are no complaints, we're good.

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Announcements

Ted reported an early delivery from the printer, and quicker-than-usual work from the Post Office, so everyone had the Danby News before July 1.

Susan is getting better and plans to be back in Danby, full time, before the end of the month.

Ted inquired about others' progress with pumpkins. He has huge leaves, but no pumpkins. Bill stated that he *had* several 18" pumpkins, but the deer got them.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June and July. Danny moved 'em, approved June (Susan abstain), July approved (Bill abstaining).

Review of Recent Events

June 9, 4-10am: Bird Walk. Fun event. Started at 4am, ended at 11am. Hourly bird totals submitted to Cornell. Variable participation (1 at 4am, 7 at 10am, 8 total). About 40 species spotted. Only Bill and Geo Kloppel showed up at the brunch, so they had to eat everything.

23-24 May Civil War Encampment. Danny was curious about finance record from the event. No money has gone to the units so far. No funds actually received from grant yet; DCC is out about $750 so far. Bill should get a complete accounting, including the budget and all income and expense, from Alison not later than the next DCC meeting. Better oversight of financial planning and spending might be appropriate in the future.

Upcoming Event Planning

Nothing currently scheduled.

Katharine arrived at 7:57

Event Prospects

20-Jan-2018, 3pm, Town Hall. Tour of the planets. Tie in to total lunar eclipse that night. Ted suggested organizing an event for people to see eclipse. Following day, 1/21, is a national holiday, so kids might stay up late. Katharine will contact Henrik Spoon to see if he can lead the overnight event.

Jazz kids are now thinking about the fall. We're thinking, how about the Harvest Fest on Oct 14? Or, they could play in Town Hall on another date. Bill will ask Ivan Kerestes (?) what they want.

Bill will approach Kathy Hodge about a mushroom walk in late September.

Katharine can set up a "How To Listen To Music" event with Dennis Winge. Maybe early September. THe "Danby School of Music" sounds nifty.

Bill may be able to get free tickets to "A Christmas Carol" again for this holiday season.

Finances

Bill distributed a report of revenues and expenses,

United Way has granted us $3750 (750 Youth, 1000 Youth Grants, 1000 Danby News, 1000 Community Programs).

Bill described riders that are added to our General Liability for things like using the park, etc. He's looking into unexplained charges involving Ithaca College; save $10.

We had a late payment to the insurance company; policy was cancelled and then reinstated.

Youth Grants

Bill reported 9 youth grants, including one or two that just came in during the last few weeks.

Youth Committee

Next Youth Committee meeting is Monday, August 6, 1:30pm, upstairs in Wegman's. Meeting is about 2019 budget, that's why Bill is going. Need program info for September Danby News by August 15.

Miscellaneous

In response to the handling of the Civil War event, all agreed that at least one DCC Board member should oversee the planning and finance of any event we present or contribute to. Ditto, that we should see the paperwork for any funding requests before they are submitted.

Ted had a request for a politically-oriented article for Danby News, or an advertisement. He politely turned it down. All present agreed with that response.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the regular meeting date, Thursday, September 6, 7pm, in Town Hall.

Quote of the Day: My pumpkins were t-h-i-s big.