

DCC Meeting 20190103

7pm Town Hall

Directors Present:

Susan Franklin (president)
Katharine Hunter (vice president)
Ted Crane (secretary)
Cathy Darrow

Directors Missing:

Bill Evans (treasurer)
Danny Wheeler

Guests:

None.

Meeting opened at 7:03.

Ted offered a toast to the New Year, honored by leftover bubbly from New Year's Eve. Apple bubbly.

Announcements

Bill has met up with Lyme and has a banged-up knee, to boot.

Bob Strichartz is rehabbing at Beechtree.

Bill called and participated via speakerphone.

Additions To Agenda

None.

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Approval of Minutes

Bill moved the December minutes. Approved unanimously.

Review of Recent Events

09-Dec-2018, Sun, 3pm, Concert

Wendy Mehne (flute), Diane Birr (piano). Cathy set out a sparkling smorgasbord, Ted opened and did some announcements, Bob Strichartz introduced the artists, and Bill closed up. 23 people including 4 yoot, \$25 donations.

15-Dec-2018, Sat, 11am, Bird Count Warmup

Seven people showed up for the warmup, including Asher, Wes, Kathy McLaren, Pauline Helfenstein, Bill, and others.

Fourteen people took place in the actual count on January 1, finding 35 species including a bald eagle and a hermit thrush. That's 35 out of the total of 80-odd for all of Tompkins County.

16-Dec-2018, Sun, 3pm, West Danby Caroling

25 people including yoot, and instruments.

Upcoming Event Planning

20-Jan-2019, Sun, Spacecraft Tour of the Planets.

Simon Wyatt is bringing a newtonian reflector. Katharine has something similar. Ted has some skywatching binoculars. SPIF people might be able to scare up some more. SPIF has offered to do a press release. Katharine will line up our bonfire kings. Parking and bonfire closer to the road, sky viewing in the darker part of the park near the "hill".

Ted will handle the afternoon program. Cathy will bring some treats.

03-February, Sun, 3pm, Grassanova Concert

Ted has lined up Grassanova for that date. Expect 4-person band.

Other

Ted is awaiting a response from Grady Girls about a date in March (10 or 24?).

Katharine will be contacting Asher (or other jazz folk) for a date.

Susan will contact Danny to inquire about interest in 2019 vs 2020 for a Civil War event.

Harvest Fest will be Sunday, October 13, 2019. Monday is Columbus Day, a national holiday; also Indigenous Peoples Day, according to the Ithaca City School District.

No news from the Finger Lakes Minerals Club about another Rock Day in May 2019.

Katharine talked to Mary Woodsen for another Tick Talk, and it sounds as though she's too busy. Will keep after her. Idea: 50-50 event with someone from Health Department and someone from Entomology.

We should avoid whatever date the Community Day people pick for their event, this year.

Alternatives Federal Credit Union tax preparation visit to Danby Town Hall and West Danby Fire Hall in February or March. Susan to follow up.

Two new ideas: Funeral Consumers Alliance, to talk about burial options, and something about EV vehicle issues.

Youth Programming

The methods of outreach used by CCE to connect with youth and potential new participants are: first point of contact is existing participants. Second most important is the Danby News. The CCE web site is not as effective

as other methods because internet coverage in Danby is far from universal.

It was the feeling of those present that Danby's programs are open to anyone who wants to participate. Only in cases when the number of interested youth exceeds the program capacity should Danby youth get preference. Therefore, outreach should be designed to include non-Danby youth.

Finances

Bill described (via speakerphone) the current financial state. He noted a \$300 discrepancy that he has been unable to reconcile since he took over in 2018. He's still doing forensic research.

There's also a \$250 check outstanding for Fife and Drum Corps; Bill is trying to contact Alison Christie. Final billing to the Town is in process.

Bill reviewed highlights of the 2019 budget (that he had previously distributed via Email). Ted moved the budget, Katharine seconded; approved unanimously.

Governance

Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 10, 7pm, Town Hall.

Youth Services will be attending.

Bill, Ted, and Susan have one year remaining. Cathy is willing to up for another 2-year term, as is Katharine. Julie Clougherty may be arm-twistable. Some discussion of other folks who might be approached to be a director.

Miscellaneous

Nothing,

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Next Meeting

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

Quote of the Day: If you buy a car without a spare tire, be sure to carry a plastic cup when you travel.