

Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority

January 13, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Thursday, at 5:00 PM

via Zoom

**Link to mtg available at www.danburymuseum.org,
DMHSA Board of Trustees page.**

1. Welcome
2. Presidents Report- review minutes from 12/2021 mtg.
3. Finance Report- review reports.
4. Directors Report
5. Old Business
 - A. HCB 2022- February 11, 2022
 - B. Social Media update continued
 - C. 250th Anniversary discussion
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2022 at 5:00pm via Zoom. Link to mtg. available at www.danburymuseum.org, DMHSA Board of Trustees page.

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall
Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

In attendance were, Geoff Herald, Marian Hesemeyer, Brigid Guertin (DMHS), Bob Doyle, Patrick Wells (DMHS), Michele Amundsen (DMHS), Paul Valeri, Doug Polistena, Erick Espinoza (Board Candidate), James Beschle and Bob Young

Members not in attendance: Brandon Whitfield, Elizabeth Hudson, Roberto Alves and Paul Steinmetz (for John Clark)

President Report: Board President Geoff Herald called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting was made by Paul Valeri and seconded by Doug Polistena, all in attendance voted to accept the meeting minutes in a unanimous vote.

Finance Report: Bob Doyle presented the financial report.

The question was asked again, should we be fundraising to pay for the maintenance of City buildings? Why is the Museum paying for the Insurance on City buildings?

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Bob Young and seconded by James Beschle, all in attendance voted to accept the financial report.

Executive Director's Report: Brigid let the board know that the two applications for State of CT ARP grants offered through CT for Humanities have been submitted.

A motion to apply for a third ARP grant through the State of CT was made by Doug Polistena and seconded by Bob Doyle. All in attendance voted pass the motion in a unanimous vote.

The City budget is due in December, at the budget meeting there was a discussion as to how tight money is, but it looks like the Authorities will be receiving the same money as 2021. We hope to meet with the Mayor in January to discuss the Museum budget and talk more about the Court House.

The 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War is coming up in 2026. Committees are being formed to start planning for the anniversary. Brigid asked Geoff to add this to the Board agenda.

There is a Danbury based company interested in the Tuxedo Junction property. The Museum is remaining out of any discussions regarding this as we are not charged with the Preservation of buildings not under our umbrella. The building itself is not critical in telling the story of the City's history.

Hat City Ball – All the packets are sent, and tickets are available for purchase at the Danbury Museum website. Pass the word – We are back live, and we will have dancing. See us February 11th and kick start your Valentine celebrations. Remind everyone that the Danbury Museum puts the city on the map. There will be a takeaway option for those who are not comfortable in a crowd situation but still want to support the Museum.

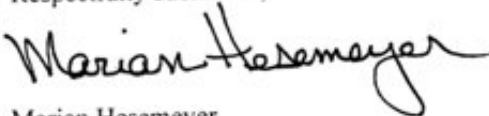
Old Business: Patrick reported that we are closing in on one million views of our social media for the year. We have doubled our reach every year over the past four years.

New Business: Michele informed the board that the day of giving went well for the Museum and the money raised will be used to purchase archival materials.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm with a motion by Bob Doyle seconded by James Beschle

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Respectfully submitted,



Marian Hesemeyer