

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall
Meeting Minutes – August 12, 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, Marian Hesemeyer, Brigid Guertin (DMHS), Bob Doyle, Patrick Wells (DMHS), Paul Valeri, Paul Steinmetz (standing in for John Clark), James Beschle, Geoff Herald and Roberto Alves

Members not in attendance: Doug Polistena, Elizabeth Hudson, Bob Young and Brandon Whitfield

President Report, President Geoff Herald called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm
Geoff asked the board for any changes or corrections to the July meeting minutes.

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

Finance Report: Bob Doyle presented the financial report and went through the proposed budget adjustment which have become necessary to reflect the Museums current financial conditions.

A motion to accept the revised budget was made by Paul Valeri and seconded by Roberto Alves, all in attendance passed the revised budget.

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

Executive Director's Report: Brigid Guertin reported that the Museum is grossly over budget due to the high cost of the Annual Audit and Insurance. There was a discussion on how to address this problem.

The State will be offering the Old Court House to the City of Danbury. The Museum feels it would be critical to acquire the Court House to use a part of it to house the overflow of the Museum's archives. There are also economic development issues that are being examined that the decision to purchase or not purchase the Court House will affect.

The Ives House project is moving forward, just a bit slower than planned.

The Museum and the Library are planning a discussion about partnering for Summer Camp programs.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade content download project has been a great success.

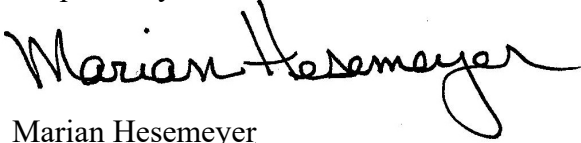
Old Business: No old business

New Business: Brigid let the Board know that the Museum Staff has gone above and beyond this Summer. With re-opening and the number of tours and research they have been doing, the staff has done a phenomenal job – Thank You!

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm with a motion by Bob Doyle, seconded by Marian Hesemeyer.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 9, 2021, at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Link to mtg. is available at www.danburymuseum.org, Bottom of Museum from Home page.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marian Hesemeyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Marian Hesemeyer