

**Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority**  
**Huntington Hall**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2022**

*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), Paul Valeri, Doug Polistena, James Beschle, Bob Young, Roberto Alves, Brandon Whitfield and Erick Espinoza (Board Candidate)

Members not in attendance: John Clark and Elizabeth Hudson

**President Report:** Board President Geoff Herald called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting was made by James Beschle and seconded by Roberto Alves, all in attendance voted to accept the meeting minutes in a unanimous vote.

**Finance Report:** Bob Doyle presented the financial report.

The museum has spent \$12,508.10 so far this year on the maintenance of City Buildings. These costs are eating into the Museum's budget. Taking funds that should be spent on the Museum's mission of preservation and education.

Members of the Authority Board strongly feel that the City should be paying for the cost of maintaining these City Buildings.

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Roberto Alves and seconded by Bob Young, all in attendance voted to accept the financial report in a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director's Report:** Brigid reported that the museum staff has a very complicated schedule for the next 12 weeks. There will be offsite 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade programming and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade onsite field trips.

Since the museum is not fully funded by the City, there is a charge to the students for the field trips which helps to cover some of the costs the museum incurs.

The Ives house will have a soft opening on April 30<sup>th</sup> as a special event for the Savings Bank of Danbury from 10am to 2 pm. The opening to the public will be on the first weekend of May from 10am to 2pm.

**Old Business:**

Social Media – Patrick reported that all is going well and we have hit over a million views

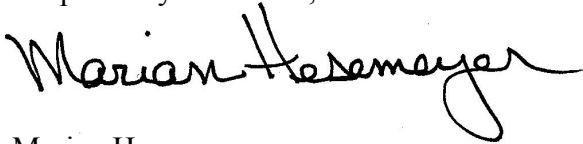
Brigid informed the board that the Hat City Ball Online Auction has been pushed back a bit. The Friend's board has volunteered to come in and set up the auction. Donations of items should be dropped off at the museum over the next week.

**New Business:** Paul Valeri let everyone know that there has been a closing on the Oldest house in Danbury (56 Wooster Heights) and the couple that purchased the house look forward to working with the museum. They have also agreed that the Museum have first refusal when they decide to sell it.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm with a motion by Roberto Alves seconded by Bob Doyle

The next meeting of the Board will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm at the Huntington Hall.

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