Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority Huntington Hall Meeting Minutes – April 8, 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, Bob Doyle, Patrick Wells (DMHS), Ed Siergiej (FDMHS), Paul Valeri, Brigid Guertin (DMHS), Michele Amundson (DMHS), Doug Polistena, James Beschle and Paul Steinmetz (standing in for John Clark). Members not in attendance: Brandon Whitfield, Roberto Alves, Liz Hudson and Bob Young

President Report, President Geoff Herald called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm Geoff asked the board for any changes or corrections to the March meeting minutes.

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 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.

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Doug Polistena and seconded by Paul Valeri all in attendance voted to accept the Financial report.

Executive Director's Report: Brigid Guertin let the board know that the Museum is keeping an eye on what is happening with other museums in the State as we make plans for re-opening down the road.

When CIFC proposed a new adaptive use for the first floor of the Old Jail, the museum contacted City Hall to get assurances that the Museum will still have use of the second and third floors. The Museum has been assured that they will be a part of any conversations with regards to changes or reuse of any Historic Buildings in Danbury.

Brigid has offered a Hybrid program for the 3rd grade but there is no news if this will happen.

The Museum and The Library are working on programs together. The subjects will be General David Wooster and Sybil Ludington. These will be filmed programs and a grant has been received to cover costs.

We regret that there is NO cursive camp this summer.

A motion to accept the Executive Director's was made by Doug Polistena and seconded by Bob Doyle, all in attendance voted to accept the Executive Director's report.

Old Business: It came to the Museum's attention that a large cache of Veteran Burial Cards have gone missing. These cards are very important due to the information included on them. Such as family information for genecology, where they are buried, abbreviated service records etc. Bob

Young is working with Danny Hayes to track these records down in the hopes of returning them to the City's achives.

New Business: No new business

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm with a motion by Paul Valeri, seconded by Doug Polistena.

The next meeting of the Board will be May 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Link to mtg. is available at www.danburymuseum.org, Bottom of Museum from Home page.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Hesemeyer