Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority Huntington Hall Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2020

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, Paul Valeri, Marian Hesemeyer, Brigid Guertin (DMHS), Michele Amundson (DMHS), Bob Doyle, Patrick Wells (DMHS), Elizabeth Hudson, John Clark, Roberto Alves, Ed Siergiej (FDMHSA) and Bob Young.

Members not in attendance: Brandon Whitfield and Doug Polistena

President Report, Vice-President Elizabeth Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and 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 Young, all in attendance voted to accept the meeting minutes in a unanimous vote.

Finance Report: Bob Doyle went over the Museum balance sheets. Elizabeth Hudson shared updated information in regard to PPP forgiveness application.

A motion to accept the Financial Reports was made by Bob Young and seconded by Paul Valeri, all in attendance voted to accept the Financial reports.

Board President Geoff Herald took over the leading of the meeting from Elizabeth Hudson.

Executive Director's Report: Brigid Guertin informed the board that the Mayor's office has started an initiative to have a Marin Anderson Mural created. Although this is not a museum project, we offer our support to the Mayor's office.

COVID-19 and reopening: The Museum will follow the lead of the Library as to when and how we will reopen to the public.

The Museum has installed outside exhibits and will be promoting the Museum in the streets. We are also working to expand our outside exhibits.

Ives Project Update: This project is moving forward, and we are on track to meet our deadline for completion.

A motion was made to continue having the Board meeting via Zoom until further notice by Elizabeth Hudson and seconded by John Clark. The motion pass in a unanimous vote

Cursive camp is being changed to a TikTok experience.

Updated collection policy will be e-mailed to all of the board members to review before voting on them at the next board meeting. This will help us with our application to the Smithsonian Affiliate Program.

Old Business: Ed Siergiej let the board know they are still working on the windows of the Rider house.

New Business: Elizabeth Hudson informed the board that she can no longer be one of our representatives at the Friends board meeting due to work obligations. Marian Hesemeyer volunteered to take her place.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm with a motion by Bob Young, seconded by Roberto Alves.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 10, 2020 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