

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall
Meeting Minutes – February 17, 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), Michele Amundsen (DMHS), Paul Valeri, Doug Polistena, James Beschle, Bob Young, Roberto Alves and Paul Steinmetz (for John Clark) and Erick Espinoza (Board Candidate)

Members not in attendance: Brandon Whitfield and Elizabeth Hudson

President Report: Board President Geoff Herald called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting.

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

Finance Report: Bob Doyle presented the financial report. There are unexpected expenses to repair the Marian Anderson Studio coming up. The maintenance of City Buildings is eating into the Museum's budget. Taking funds that should be spent on the Museum's mission of preservation and education.

The question was asked again, why the Museum is paying for the Maintenance of 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 in a unanimous vote.

Executive Director's Report: Brigid Guertin turned the meeting over to Bob Doyle. Bob reported that the Hat City Ball (virtual) went well and we did better financially than last year. Thank you to all the Corporate Sponsors and Individual supporters.

Brigid informed the board that the Hat City Ball Auction will be held online March 14th - April 11th. Donations of items should be dropped off at the museum over the next week.

There will be Musical programs at the museum on the first Friday of the month in June, July and August.

The Museum is hosting a panel and discussion with the NAACP, Danbury Library and LINKS about Marian Anderson. This is in honor of her Birthday February 27th. The museum is also doing a Juneteenth program with the NAACP.

There will be Cursive Camp at the Museum in August and we hope to have another with the Parks and Recreation Dept.

There will be a Family Field Trip at the museum this summer.

There is no onsite school programming this year but Brigid will be going to the schools to do 3rd and 5th grade programming.

The Ives house will have its opening on April 30th with a special event for the Savings Bank of Danbury. The opening to the public will be on the first weekend of May.

Old Business:

250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War/Raid on Danbury:

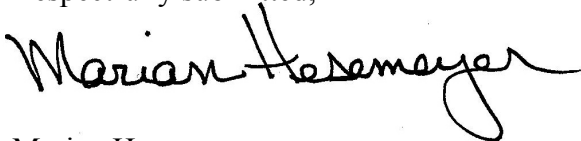
The 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War is coming up in 2026. Committees are being formed to start planning for the anniversary.

New Business: Paul Valeri spoke about having a lighted kiosk at the Ives House that will promote the Ives Trail. This links Tarrywile Park with the Ives House, the Museum, and the old Court House. Bringing visitors to Main Street.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm with a motion by Bob Doyle seconded by Bob Young

The next meeting of the Board will be March 10th, at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Link to mtg. is available at www.danburymuseum.org, Board of Trustee page.

Respectfully submitted,



Marian Hesemeyer