

Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Huntington Hall
Meeting Minutes – October 8, 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, Bob Young and Doug Polistena.

Members not in attendance: Brandon Whitfield, John Clark, and Roberto Alves

President Report, President Geoff Herald called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm and asked the board for any changes or corrections to the September meeting minutes.

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

Finance Report: Bob Doyle discussed the new look of the financial report which make it easier to see where the Museum stands financially. Bob went over the report and answered questions in regard to the report.

A motion to accept the Financial Reports was made by Elizabeth Hudson and seconded by Doug Polistena, all in attendance voted to accept the Financial reports.

Executive Director's Report: Brigid Guertin informed the Board that the Charles Ives House will be available for both Authority and Friends Board members, to do a walk through now that the exhibits are near completion. This will be very limited and done on a schedule arranged by Brigid. Board members will need to wear masks and gloves during the walk through. The COVID rules will be followed during the walk throughs.

A quote to restore and refurbish Charles Ives' piano has been received. The work will take about a year to return the piano to the original look and sound.

NEMA will be virtual this year and all of the board members are encouraged to register and attend this meeting. It will provide a wealth of information for moving the Museum forward.

The Virtual Chamber of Commerce breakfast is October 15th at 8:30am. The Board members are invited to go, please let Brigid know and the museum will make all of the arrangements.

Old Business: Paul Valeri is still working on the Dicken's House prospect. Paul also had a suggestion for live music during a portion of the Ball.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm with a motion by Paul Valeri, seconded by Elizabeth Hudson.

The next meeting of the Board will be November 12, 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