



BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors

Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Morse Conference Room

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PRESENT: Chairman Ted Stevenson, Robin Kahn, Linda Curtis, Richard Merritt, Mary O'Leary, Mary Spain, Judy Schlemmer, Tia Murphy, Terri Rotella, Lisa Johnson and Library Director Lynn Rosato.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Robin Grubard, Robert Zupperoli.

VISITORS: Marianne Kindya, Clare Detwiler and Grace Gullusci, staff members.

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

At the request of Chairman Stevenson, Linda Curtis moved to add a discussion regarding the hiring of a recording secretary to the agenda. Robin Kahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: Terri Rotella moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Linda Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Tia Murphy presented the Treasurer's report for May, covering the month of April. Robin Kahn moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Rich Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Board discussed the landscaping work that will be performed in the Barnum Terrace garden by PSC Landscaping.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis reported on upcoming programs that will be sponsored by the Friends. She reminded the Board that volunteers are needed to staff the Book Cellar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

STAFF PRESENTATION: Marianne Kindya, Clare Detwiler and Grace Gullusci, who are all part time assistants in the Children's Library, described their areas of responsibility and answered Board members' questions about the programs that they run.

REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: Robin Kahn moved to approve the proposed line item transfers to close out budget year 2015-2016. Judy Schlemmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee: Chairman Stevenson presented the report. The Committee recommended that general sponsorships of \$100 each be solicited for the wine tasting event from businesses that do not have goods or services that can be used for the raffle or silent auction. Forms for these sponsorships and for raffle and silent auction items were handed out.

Scholarship Committee: Committee Chair Mary Spain reported that the Committee has selected a recipient for the scholarship from among the 19 applications received by the Committee. The recipient is a Bethel High School student. The Committee recommended to the Board that, for the time being, the Board's scholarship should continue to be in the amount of \$1,000 and should be limited to one student per year.

RECEPTION UPDATE: Tia Murphy discussed plans relating to the reception. The VIP reception will be held on June 24th. Board members are encouraged to attend. The reception for the general public will run all day on June 25th.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Chairman Stevenson has advertised for the position of recording secretary and will be speaking with a potential candidate.

ADJOURNMENT: Robin Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Rotella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Kahn
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