



## **BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 27, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Meeting Room B, Bethel CT

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TOWN CLERK

**PRESENT:** Trisha Lewis, Chairman; Jane Bickford, Linda Curtis, Robin Kahn, Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Terri Rotella [entered 7:12 p.m.], Mary Spain, Elisa Volpati, Directors.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

**VISITORS:** Chris Brown, Ethan Brown.

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Chairman Lewis welcomed guests Ethan Brown and his father, Chris Brown.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2012, MEETING MINUTES:** Robin Kahn moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Jane Bickford. Voting "yes": Jane Bickford, Linda Curtis, Robin Kahn, Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain, Elisa Volpati. Abstain: Mary O'Leary. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jane Bickford distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting. Linda Curtis moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Mary Spain. Voting "yes": Jane Bickford, Linda Curtis, Robin Kahn, Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain, Elisa Volpati. Abstain: Mary O'Leary. Motion passed.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting. She will send a revised copy of the monthly usage statistics to members of the Board.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Linda Curtis reported there was no FOL meeting this month. The next general meeting will be April 24, with a reception with light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. for Friends members only, followed by a short business meeting at 6:45 p.m. The program, open to the general public, will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Edukated Fleas ukulele duo will perform.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Library Director Rosato introduced Ethan Brown, a seventh-grade student at Bethel Middle School who excels in math and feats of memory. Ethan is coordinating a Mathemagic Show as a fundraiser for the Library, to be held May 6 from 1-4 p.m. in the Senior Center cafeteria. Ethan gave details about the event and provided an example of his remarkable Mathemagic skills. Members of the Board thanked Ethan for choosing to support the Bethel Library with this fundraiser as his community service project for his bar mitzvah.

[Terri Rotella entered the meeting.]

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** Trisha Lewis reported that the First Selectman and Town Comptroller recommended placing \$40,000 +/- in the town's wage contingency fund to cover the costs of additional part-time personnel who will be needed when the building project is finished in early 2013. The Board will make the request for the funds from the Board of Finance when needed.

**Policy Committee:** Robin Kahn reported that the Committee met to review the Bylaws. Changes will be presented to the full Board at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting. Library Director Rosato will present a recommended policy for use of the Seelye Family Local History Room to the Committee for review.

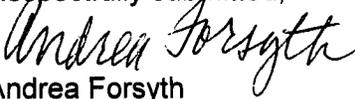
**Scholarship Committee:** Mary Spain reported that the Committee met and developed a new Mission Statement for the scholarship, a new scholarship application and new evaluation document. Library Director Rosato distributed copies. Discussion. Committee motion to approve the Mission Statement for the scholarship fund award of the Library Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. Continued discussion. Committee motion to approve new evaluation criteria for the Bethel Library Board of Directors Scholarship. Motion passed unanimously. Applications for the scholarship are due to the Library by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Development Committee:** Tia Murphy reported that the Committee will meet on March 1 to discuss promotion of the Library after the building project is completed. Library Director Rosato noted that the Planning and Technology Committees will not meet until the building project is further along.

**Building Project Update:** Library Director Rosato reported that construction in the Seelye House will likely start in early April and be completed by the end of June. Discussion. The public hearing re: demolition of the Old Town Hall will be February 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel High School. Library supporters are strongly encouraged to attend and speak.

Terri Rotella moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mary Spain. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Forsyth  
Recording Secretary

*Reports referred to in the minutes are on file at the Bethel Public Library.*