



BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 23, 2012—7:00 p.m.

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

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PRESENT: Trisha Lewis, Chairman; Jane Bickford, Linda Curtis, Robin Kahn [entered 7:09 p.m.], Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain, Directors.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Terri Rotella, Elisa Volpati, Directors.

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Library Director Rosato received a letter requesting auction items for the Bethel Elementary Schools Harvest Gala to be held October 13 Mary Spain received a letter from the Bethel High School and one from the Scholarship recipient thanking the Board for the scholarship award.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 25, 2012, MEETING MINUTES: Gary Passineau moved to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2012, meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Richard Merritt. Voting "yes": Jane Bickford, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain. Abstain: Linda Curtis, Carol Lawlor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane Bickford distributed copies of the report. Mary O'Leary asked if restoration of the Vaghi desk is completed. Library Director Rosato said the desk was ready to be installed once the Seelye Room is finished. There will be some type of recognition of the support of the Library by the Vaghi family.

[Robin Kahn entered the meeting.] Robin Kahn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Mary O'Leary. Motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting. The ACLB Leadership Conference will be October 25 at the University of Hartford. Library Director Rosato distributed and reviewed the various detailed financial reports regarding the building project. Discussion.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis reported that the FOL Board met recently and voted to give the Library \$2,049.94 for purchase of security cases for the non-fiction DVD collection. Linda Curtis distributed a volunteer sign-up sheet for the big book sale at the end of August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Development Committee: Tia Murphy reported on the details of the Wine Tasting event to be held September 18 at La Zingara. Donations for raffle baskets are needed. Discussion.

Chair Trisha Lewis charged the Personnel Committee with doing the Library Director's annual evaluation. Mary O'Leary reported that the Director's evaluation will follow the same process as last year, beginning in September.

SALARY RANGE SCHEDULE: Mary O'Leary moved to approve the FY 2012-2013 salary range schedule as submitted. Motion seconded by Carol Lawlor. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STEAK ROAST: Library Director Rosato reported that the Bethel Chamber of Commerce Steak Roast will be held August 15 at Anthony's Lakehouse in Danbury. Jane Bickford moved to provide a raffle donation for the Chamber of Commerce Steak Roast. Motion seconded by Robin Kahn. Motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Library Director Rosato reported the invitation to bid has been posted and that bids are due August 8. There will be a walk-through for prospective bidders tomorrow. The Building Committee will meet on Wednesday. At least one grant requires that a minimum of three bids on each package be received. Discussion.

Mary O'Leary thanked Andrea Forsyth on behalf of the Board for her work as Recording Secretary. Mary O'Leary moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Passineau. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Forsyth
Recording Secretary

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

Abdullah Hasan
1512 Lexington Blvd.
Bethel, CT 06801

June 13, 2012

Dear Mrs. Spain,

I am absolutely honored to receive the Bethel Public Library Board of Directors Scholarship Award. I am even more honored to have received the award from an amazing former teacher. My entire family and I would like to thank you for your help in funding my education. I hope to make you proud one day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that tapers to the right.

Abdullah Hasan



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June 12, 2012

Mrs. Mary Spain
Bethel Public Library Board of Directors
Greenwood Avenue
Bethel CT 06801

Dear Mary:

Scholarship Night 2012 was once again a wonderful evening of celebration to recognize the 64 seniors who received awards honoring their academic, athletic and service achievements. These students have worked hard throughout high school and it is wonderful to celebrate their accomplishments in this way.

I'd like to extend a special thank you for your monetary presentation and also for the behind-the-scenes work that it represents. Your commitment to assisting our graduating seniors in pursuing their dreams through financially contributing to their post secondary education is admirable. That kind of community support is greatly appreciated by the Bethel High School staff, administration, seniors and their parents, especially in these challenging financial times.

Please mark your calendar for next year's Scholarship Night, to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. I look forward to working with you again next year and thank you for the generosity that you have shown towards our seniors.

Sincerely,

Ingrid C. Boedecker

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BHS Scholarship Coordinator