



**BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 4, 2013—7:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Trisha Lewis, Chairman; Jane Bickford, Linda Curtis, Carol Lawlor, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Terri Rotella [entered 7:04 p.m.], Directors.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Lisa Johnson, Robin Kahn, Richard Merritt, Mary Spain, Directors.

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed returning members of the Library Board of Directors.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2012, MEETING MINUTES:** Gary Passineau moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012, meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Tia Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jane Bickford distributed reports for November and December prior to the meeting. Gary Passineau moved to accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted. Motion seconded by Linda Curtis. Motion passed unanimously.

[Terri Rotella entered the meeting.]

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting. She shared a note from a patron praising the usefulness of the Library's Mango Languages database. Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the Library's annual statistical report. Discussion of possible state legislation re: ebook pricing for libraries. Discussion of renewal of ACLB membership; it was the consensus of the Board to renew annual membership. Library Director Rosato reported on a new partnership with the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Discussion of pest eradication in the Library.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Linda Curtis reported that membership renewals are being accepted. The FOL will have three small book sales this year--to be held during the Bethel Blooms, July Sidewalk Sales, and Tree Lighting events--in addition to the big sale in August. The FOL Board has approved a contribution of \$10,000 to support technology needs in the new Community Room. Trisha Lewis expressed the thanks of the entire Board for the ongoing support by the FOL. Gary Passineau thanked Linda Curtis for a great job at the FOL annual meeting in January.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee:** Committee Chair Gary Passineau offered a Committee motion to nominate the following slate of officers: Jane Bickford, Chairman; Robin Kahn, Vice Chairman; Tia Murphy, Treasurer; Terri Rotella, Secretary. No other nominations from the floor. Motion approved unanimously. Gary Passineau expressed disappointment that Trisha Lewis would not be continuing as Chairman, and thanked her for her service.

Jane Bickford led the remainder of the meeting.

**Budget FY 2013-14:** Library Director Rosato distributed highlights from the budget proposal. She reported on a recent meeting with the First Selectman and Town Comptroller. Discussion of wage contingency fund and staffing requirements in expanded Library.

**Building Project Update:** Library Director Rosato reported that the Seelye House and second floor should be done by late March/early April. The entire project should be completed by July. Discussion.

**Banking Resolution:** Terri Rotella moved to authorize the new Library Board officers to receive bank signature cards for Library Board accounts. Motion seconded by Tia Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Assignments:** Discussion. Assignments will be finalized at the next Board meeting.

Terri Rotella moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mary O'Leary. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Forsyth  
Recording Secretary

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