



BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 25, 2013—7:00 p.m.

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

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PRESENT: Jane Bickford, Chairman; Linda Curtis, Lisa Johnson, Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain, Directors.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Robin Kahn, Terri Rotella, Directors;

Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013, MEETING MINUTES: Gary Passineau moved to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2013, meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Tia Murphy. Voting "aye": Linda Curtis, Lisa Johnson, Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain. Abstain: Lisa Johnson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tia Murphy distributed the report prior to the meeting. Discussion. Mary O'Leary moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion seconded by Linda Curtis. Motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting, and distributed a final version of the Board members contact list.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis reminded Board members to renew their FOL memberships. Mini book sales will be held in May and July; the big book sale will be the weekend of August 24th. The Friends received a \$3,600 grant from the Meserve Memorial Fund that will be used to purchase a smart board for the Library's new business and technology center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Committee: Chairman Bickford reported that the Committee will meet this Wednesday to review the Bylaws and the Meeting and Grounds Use Policy. Discussion.

Scholarship Committee: The Committee will meet to set dates to review applications.

Development Committee: Tia Murphy reported that the Committee met recently to plan a “sneak peek” reception for major donors and their guests. The reception will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments have been donated.

Building Project Update: Library Director Rosato reported that the Library will close to the public starting March 29 for final work and moving to be completed. It will re-open at the end of April. Library Director Rosato requested money to purchase shades for the Seeyle House. Tia Murphy moved to direct Library Director Rosato to use up to \$1250 from the state grant check to purchase window shades for the Seeyle House. Motion seconded by Gary Passineau. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion. Chairman Bickford proposed re-assigning the sponsorship level for the conference room and to designate the Children's Library as the top sponsorship level. Mary Spain moved to change the designation of the gift supporting the Children's Library to the Seth & Abigail Taylor Seeyle Leadership level, and to change the Library Board Conference & Program Room to the Maria Parloa Major Gift level. Motion seconded by Richard Merritt. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bickford proposed assigning names to the three meeting rooms. Discussion. Carol Lawlor moved to establish the Maria Parloa Community Room, the William Bailey Conference Room, and the Jennie Keeler Meeting Room as the names of the Library's meeting spaces. Motion seconded by Linda Curtis. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion of possible names for Friends of the Library Seelye basement book sale area.

Budget FY 2013-14: Library Director Rosato reported on the recent Board of Selectmen meeting, and the need for Library Board representation at the upcoming Board of Finance meeting. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 8th. Discussion.

Gary Passineau moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mary Spain. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Andrea Forsyth
Recording Secretary

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