



BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 22, 2013—7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Jane Bickford, Chairman; Linda Curtis, Lisa Johnson, Robin Kahn, Tia Murphy, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain, Robert Zupperoli, Directors.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Mary O'Leary, Terri Rotella, Directors;

Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced new Board members Lisa Johnson and Robert Zupperoli.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Bickford received the letter appointing Robert Zupperoli to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 25, 2013, MEETING MINUTES: Linda Curtis moved to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2013, meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Tia Murphy. Voting "aye": Linda Curtis, Lisa Johnson, Tia Murphy, Gary Passineau, Mary Spain. Abstain: Robin Kahn and Robert Zupperoli.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tia Murphy distributed the report prior to the meeting. Discussion. Robin Kahn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion seconded by Mary Spain. Motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis reminded Board members to renew their FOL memberships, and distributed a list of items for sale at upcoming FOL book sales. The FOL Board voted to support the Library's Community Room technology needs with a contribution of \$11,000. The FOL Board discussed possible names for the new book sale room. Linda Curtis made a motion to adopt "Friends Book Cellar" as the name of the book sale room in the basement of the Library. Motion seconded by Gary Passineau. Motion passed unanimously. The FOL Board voted to approve \$2,500 to support Library programs in FY 2013-14.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Committee: Robin Kahn reported that the Committee has met and reviewed draft policies for use of the Library building and grounds. Discussion. The Board will vote on the policy at its next meeting.

Scholarship Committee: The deadline for applications is April 24; the Committee will meet on April 29 to begin the evaluation process.

Development Committee: Tia Murphy reported that the "sneak peek" tour and reception for major donors and their guests will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 2-4 p.m. Donated champagne, punch and cupcakes will be served. A rehearsal will be held on April 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Discussion. Tia Murphy reported on a request for a donation from the Library for a silent auction to be held May 17 at the Waldorf School in Newtown. Discussion. Robin Kahn moved that Tia Murphy be authorized to offer the Housatonic Valley Waldorf School two options: a guided tour of the Shakespeare Garden, or an opportunity to play the Library's baby grand piano for a small group, with details to be determined. Motion seconded by Lisa Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Project Update: Chairman Bickford reported that part of the Delores Von Bank bequest included three pieces of art done by Ms. Von Bank. Chairman Bickford proposed hanging the works near the Library's art books. Discussion. It was the consensus of the Board that Chairman Bickford return the items to the Von Bank estate.

Library Director Rosato reported that shelving has been installed and books have been unpacked and are being shifted. Some technology issues remain, and work on the Seelye House is ongoing. Staff will move into the Seelye House offices within the next few days. The Children's Program Room and Community Room, both on the first floor, are under construction. Discussion.

Budget FY 2013-14: The Town Meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel High School. Board members should attend and be ready to speak in support of the Library.

Gary Passineau moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Tia Murphy. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Andrea Forsyth
Recording Secretary

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