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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Morse Conference Room - Bethel Public Library

PRESENT: Jane Bickford, Chairman, Robin Kahn, Lisa Johnson, Robert Zupperoli, Tia Murphy, Gary Passineau, Linda Curtis, and Mary O'Leary.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Terri Rotella, Carol Lawlor Mary Spain and Richard Merritt.

VISITORS: None

Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There being no flag in the room, the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: No correspondence. Chairman Bickford said that Children's Library donor Henry Arnhold attended a recent holiday program for children.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013 MEETING MINUTES: Tia Murphy moved that the minutes be approved. Gary Passineau seconded the motion. The motion passed. Robin Kahn abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report will be delivered at the January meeting.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Rosato handed out the Board meeting schedule for next year, the expenditure report and the Library statistics for November. Director Rosato reported that she received a challenge to Library materials. Specifically, a patron objected to the content of the DVD of the movie *The Soloist*. After consideration of the request, Director Rosato responded to the patron that the DVD would not be removed. Ethan Brown will be running a program in January at which he will demonstrate his math skills. He will be selling

DVDs with profits to be donated to the Library. Active shooter training will be held at the Library on December 10, 2013. The new website is up and running.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis handed out the schedule of Friends' meetings for the coming year as well as annual membership forms. At the January meeting there will be a program featuring six artists who display their art at Plain Jane's Restaurant. Jane Bickford will be setting up the Friend's bookstore in the Library.

Lisa Johnson entered the meeting at this point.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Robin Kahn moved to approve the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Tia Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary O'Leary moved to approve the capital plan. Gary Passineau seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Mary O'Leary moved that the following slate of officers be presented at the January meeting of the Board for a vote: Chairman: Tia Murphy; Vice Chairman: Gary Passineau; Treasurer: Richard Merritt; Secretary: Robin Kahn. The motion passed.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY: Director Rosato recommended that the Board adopt Town Hall's schedule and that the Library remain open on Lincoln's Birthday, with Library staff being given a floating holiday. Discussion ensued. Robert Zupperoli so moved. Robin Kahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Director Rosato reported that punch list items are still outstanding. Discussion ensued.

RECOGNITION: Robin Kahn thanked retiring Chairman Jane Bickford for her service to the Library for the past fourteen years, and a round of applause followed.

ADJOURNMENT: Robin Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Kahn
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