

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
~March 24, 2008~

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bethel Public Library was held at the Bethel Public Library on March 24, 2008.

Present

Linda Curtis, Eileen Freebairn, Leslie Mason, Lorraine Go, Gary Passineau, Geraldine Mills, Shani Burke-Specht, Bob Crnic, Connie Booth, Gail Slifkin

Absent

Jane Shannon, Terri Rotella

Library Staff

Director Lynn Rosato

Call to Order

Vice Chair Connie Booth called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Open Discussion for Visitors

Gail Dickerman introduced herself and offered her support for the library.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Joan Dolan was received.

Minutes

The minutes of February 25, 2008 were amended to reflect that Shani Burke-Specht was present and under the Treasurer's Report the words "to accept" were added. On the motion of Geraldine Mills and the second of Linda Curtis, the Board voted to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Eileen Freebairn gave an overview of her report dated March 24, 2008. Discussion followed. On the motion of Geraldine Mills and the second of Lorraine Go, the Board voted to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Librarian's Report

Director Rosato announced that the Arts and Culture Funding Forum would be held on March 28, 2008. Anyone interested in attending should contact her for reservations.

Old Business

None

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New Business

Nomination and Election of Board Chair: Bob Crnic nominated Connie Booth for the position of Board Chair. Vice Chair Booth declined the nomination stating that she has time constraints. Mrs. Booth recommended Gary Passineau for the position of Board Chair. Bob Crnic stated his concerns regarding Board experience and the direction of the Development Committee. Connie Booth and Gary Passineau responded to Mr. Crnic's concerns. Discussion by Board members followed.

Vice Chair Booth nominated Gary Passineau for the position of Board Chair. Leslie Mason seconded the nomination.

Geraldine Mills nominated Shani Burke-Specht for the position of Board Chair. Bob Crnic seconded the nomination.

Geraldine Mills moved to close the nominations. Bob Crnic seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Roll Call Vote for Gary Passineau as follows: Booth, Freebairn, Mason, Passineau-yes
Crnic, Mills, Burke-Specht, Slifkin-no
Go and Curtis abstained

Roll Call Vote for Shani Burke-Specht as follows: Crnic, Go, Mills, Burke-Specht, Slifkin-yes
Booth, Freebairn, Mason, Passineau-no
Curtis abstained.

Shani Burke-Specht was elected to the position of Board Chair by majority vote.

Ms. Burke-Specht assumed the chair.

Policy Committee: The By-laws for Revision/Re-adoption were discussed. In particular Article I: Sections 7 and 9.

On the motion of Bob Crnic and the second of Geraldine Mills the meeting recessed at 8:00PM to move downstairs. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Chair Burke-Specht reconvened the meeting at 8:07PM.

Connie Booth moved to approve the addition of Article I: Section 7. Gary Passineau seconded. Discussion followed. Five members voted yes and 5 members voted no resulting in a tie vote. Chair Burke-Specht requested members to email any proposed additions or changes to Connie Booth. Bob Crnic moved to table another vote for the next meeting. Gail Slifkin seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Budget FY 2008-09: Discussion took place regarding the upcoming budget meeting on March 25, 2008.

Additional Security Camera and Key Pad Entry: Director Rosato gave background information which lead to the request. The Director will get clarification for the laser sensitive entry estimate and will secure an estimate for a key pad option.

Shakespeare Garden Dedication: Director Rosato explained that the Bethel Garden Club funded and designed the Shakespeare Garden. The dedication and Shakespeare Festival would be held April 26, 2008 from 1PM-4PM. The rain date would be April 27, 2008.

Barnum Statue: Director Rosato stated that a request was received from the Bethel Historical Society to display marquettes of the Barnum Statue in the display case in the library. They also requested lawn space on the library grounds to promote the statue during the Bethel Bloom Days on April 18th, 19th and 20th. On the motion of Connie Booth and the second of Geraldine Mills, the Board voted unanimously to grant the request.

Director Rosato further advised that the Bethel Historical Society has also made a request to place a goal sign near the site for the statue to "clock" their fundraising progress. Discussion followed. Geraldine Mills moved to recommend to the Bethel Historical Society that the goal sign would give them greater visibility by placing it in front of their building on Main St. Gail Slifkin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Development Committee: Bob Crnic reported that there was discussion regarding fundraising plans. He strongly suggested holding a fundraising activity during the Bethel Bloom Days. A pansy sale and static sticker sale on Saturday, April 19th were discussed. Geraldine Mills moved to allocate an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of static stickers. Bob Crnic seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Connie Booth moved to allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to purchase pansy plants to sell to the public during the Bethel Blooms Days. Bob Crnic seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Donations of plants would be sought in order to reduce the number of plants that the Board would need to purchase for the sale. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Committees to Set Meeting Dates:

- **Scholarship Committee:** The committee will set a meeting date and begin distribution of the scholarship applications.
- **Personnel Committee:** The Personnel Committee will schedule a meeting in April.

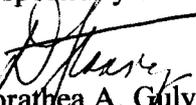
Other:

Chair Burke-Specht thanked the member of the public for her attendance.

Adjournment:

On the motion of Geraldine Mills and the second of Linda Curtis, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorathea A. Gulya-Stasny
Recording Secretary

Note: Reports referred to are on file at the library.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

ENDING DATE 3/24/08

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE **DATE** 2/25/08 **AMOUNT** 5489.38

INCOME DATE	SOURCE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
1. 2/26/08	Transfer Scholarship Fund	Scholarship	500.00
2.			
3.			

TOTAL INCOME 500.00

EXPENDITURES CHECK NO.	DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

ENDING BALANCE **DATE** 3/24/08 **AMOUNT** 5989.38

OTHER ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	INTEREST	NET TRANSACTIONS	ENDING BALANCE
MONEY MARKET	23,009.37	59.41		23,068.78
BUILDING FUND	55,308.43	112.32	-1221.49	54,199.26
GRANTS FUND	5,000.00			5,000.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	12,151.13	100.55	-500.00	12,352.28
WACHOVIA SECURITIES				4,203.00