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Minutes from Special Meeting of the Bethel Public Library Board of Directors
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Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board Members Present: Shani Burke Specht, Lorraine Go, Jane Shannon, Eileen Freebairn, Leslie Mason, Geraldine Mills, Terri Rotella, Linda Curtis, Bob Crnic, Connie Booth and Lynn Rosato, Library Director. Member Gail Slifkin communicated via conference call.

Absent: Gary Passineau

Guests: Isabelle Zimmerman, James Lhernault, Gail Dickerman and Debbie Smith

Geraldine Mills made a motion to approve and adopt the Development Plan as presented by the Chair, Shani Burke Specht. This was seconded by Linda Curtis.

Geraldine Mills also recognized Lynn Rosato, Library Director for her outstanding accomplishments and directorship of the Bethel Public Library. She adds that Lynn is to be commended for all the grants that she has secured for the Bethel Public Library. Her wealth of knowledge pertaining to the library field is also noted. Her sentiment is shared by many board members.

The Development Plan was reviewed with much discussion. It was decided that Connie Booth will take ownership for the personal solicitations (see below) and will receive the list generated by another board member. The meeting was recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m. on the first floor of the Bethel Public Library. Bob Crnic discussed a general town mailing to residents and gave quotes related to cost of same. Also discussed were the roles of the current Development Committee and the subcommittee of volunteers. Geraldine Mills amended her motion to read "All committees to be under the auspices of the Development Committee". This was also seconded by Linda Curtis, voted upon and motion carried. With recognition noted of remaining sum of approx 1.2 million dollars to be raised in the next fifteen months, Board members then organized themselves to participate and take ownership of specific Lynn Rosato asks in 4 areas in an effort to raise said monies. Progress reports related to

each area will be expected at each Special Development Meeting. Each area and members assigned are as follows:

Grants/Foundations

Shani Burke Specht
Linda Curtis
Lynn Rosato, Library Director
Debbie Smith, volunteer
Chair: Leslie Mason

Corporations/Organizations to solicit

Gail Slifkin
Geraldine Mills
James Lhernault, volunteer
Chair: Terri Rotella

Events

Lorraine Go
Shani Burke Specht
Isabelle Zimmerman, volunteer
Gail Dickerman, volunteer
James Lhernault, volunteer
Chair: Bob Crnic

Personal Solicitations

Eileen Freebairn
Jane Shannon
Lynn Rosato, Library Director
Chair: Connie Booth

Direct Mailings

Shani Burke Specht
Lorraine Go
Connie Booth
Debbie Smith, volunteer
Isabelle Zimmerman, volunteer
Chair: Bob Crnic

Activities for the upcoming Memorial Day parade were discussed. Those involved in this activity will include Bob Crnic, Lorraine Go and Geraldine Mills.

Motion to approve budget not to exceed \$500.00 for related Memorial Day parade items made by Geraldine Mills and seconded by Connie Booth. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Geraldine Mills and seconded by Connie Booth. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Submitted by Leslie Mason
Secretary, Bethel Library Board of Directors