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Minutes of the Development Committee of the Bethel Public Library

Wednesday July 16, 2008
Bethel Public Library 6:30PM

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Present: Lynn Rosato, Library Director, Jane Shannon, Terri Rotella, Leslie Mason
Absent: Connie Booth, Chair
Visiting Volunteers: Gail Dickerman, Debbie Smith, Robin Kahn,

Leslie Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

A motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 2008 was made by Jane Shannon and seconded by Terri Rotella and accepted for the record after unanimous approval.

Old Business: Tours of the Library. A number of people signed up for Library tours at Bethel Blooms- list was generated by Shani Burke-Specht and is currently in her possession. The Library Director has requested the list so that tours may be conducted in the very near future as the collection of names dates back to April.

Robin Kahn arrived at 6:39PM.

There was discussion from present Board members about future Library Tours. This is considered an Events item. Events Sub-Committee is currently without a Chair. Present Volunteers also requested to be involved in this activity and the Events Sub-Committee will need to coordinate with them at the appropriate time.

Update on Personal Solicitations Phase: Jane Shannon reports that one contact f/u call yielded disappointing results. F/U efforts continue. There have been 2 mailings to date.

Grants Sub Committee: Group continues to meet weekly. Cover letter and packet materials are in process of assembly. Biggest hurdle—procurement of matching funds by October, 2008---needed \$175,000 to match the Ct. Tourism Grant. A portion of the Children's Library Gift is under consideration, as some of the space designated for that area will be in the Seeley House. That monetary value to be determined by JCJ and fee for same expected not to exceed \$1,000. This will need to be approved at next Library Board Mtg.

Leslie Mason received from Debbie Smith additional information pertaining to the Kresge Grant. Robin Kahn mentioned Perrin Foundation as potential funding- this will also be pursued by Leslie.

New: Events Committee Chair is open and awaiting ownership.

Gary Passineu has expressed interest in joining the Development Committee after a recent resignation of a Board member from said committee.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35PM was made by Jane Shannon and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Mason