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Development Committee of the
Bethel Public Library Board of Directors
Minutes from August 6, 2008

Present: Committee members Connie Booth, Chair, Leslie Mason, Terri Rotella, and Lynn Rosato, Director

Absent: Jane Shannon

Board Members Present: Lorraine Go

Volunteer Members Present: Debbie Smith

Minutes from July 16, 2008 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Lorraine Go attended the meeting to go over the particulars involved in using the Walnut Hill Church facilities for the Steve Lippia concert next year. She will get back to the committee with her findings. Sponsorships for the concert will have to be solicited shortly and we will need volunteers to organize this. Potential sponsors mentioned include Duracel, Bethel Food and Praxair.

Connie Booth will contact The Rubino family to see what a convenient time for a photo-op would be for them.

Elizabeth and William White, a brother and sister who saved their pennies for 2 years, donated \$100 to the Library's campaign. This will be the subject of a very special photo-op. Lynn Rosato will contact them.

Leslie Mason reported the Grants subcommittee is pursuing the Kresge Foundation grant program that involves large requests. The subcommittee was advised to apply for the entire balance needed.

John Kline of Union Savings Bank will help the Development Committee organize a meeting with his bank and perhaps 2-3 others. Committee members will make a presentation of the Library's needs to pursue the Connecticut Cultural and Tourism grant in the amount of \$175,000. We need a cash or pledged match of \$175,000 for a total

amount of \$350,000 to finish the Seelye House. A meeting will be set up hopefully for the week of August 18th.

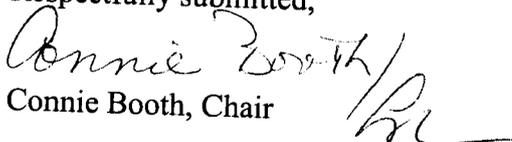
Isabelle Zimmerman has been working with Dippin' Dots for a promotional ice cream social to take place during the third week in September.

Other possible fund-raisers proposed were a Tag Sale to take place on the second floor (Lorraine Go), a Taste of Bethel, and "Walk for the Library" to be coordinated with the schools.

Every opportunity should be taken to remind people that tours of the empty space are available. This will be mentioned in our publicity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Booth, Chair