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Development Committee of the Bethel Public Library
Minutes from August 20, 2008

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

Absent: Jane Shannon

Volunteer Members Present: Debbie Smith, Robin Kahn, Isabelle Zimmerman, Gail Dickerman

Minutes from 7/16/08 were tabled until the next meeting.

On a motion by Leslie Mason, seconded by Terri Rotella the minutes from 8/6/08 were approved.

The Rubino family will be called to see what a convenient time for a photo-op would be for them as Lynn has the next goal marker for the campaign sign.

As mentioned in last month's minutes, Elizabeth and William White, a brother and sister who saved their pennies for 2 years, sent the library \$100. A photo and article will be sent to the *News Times* and *Bethel Beacon*.

The cover letter for the personal solicitation packets has been updated to reflect Mr. Merritt's addition to the board. Contacts and mailing will resume after Labor Day.

An additional call was made to John Kline to arrange a presentation date for multiple banks in order to obtain the pledge necessary to apply for the Connecticut Commission on Cultural and Tourism Grant.

Dippin' Dots has agreed to host an ice cream social over the weekend of the Fall Festival – the 19th of Sept. They are agreeable to dedicating 15% of their sales to the Library. They're flexible and very willing to help. The suggestion was made to give away balloons at site and decals and perhaps to sell mums that weekend. Volunteers will be needed for all of these. The sale of mums would be on Saturday.

A motion was made by Leslie Mason, seconded by Terri Rotella to request a special meeting to address all of the development requests and also to pass a needed board resolution permitting the library to apply for the CCTG. The motion passed unanimously.

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Board of Selectman approval is also necessary to apply for this \$350,000 grant and time constraints are kicking in so it must be done soon.

Due to a mistake in booking by the Shubert Theater in New Haven, Steve Lippia will be in CT on March 2009. Mr. Lippia's contact asked if we would consider moving our date to Saturday March 7, 2009. However, Mr. Lippia will honor our Sept. 2009 date if we are not able to reschedule.

We are still waiting for a proposal from the Ives Concert Center. It does not look like we would be able to hold the concert at Walnut Hill as it will be too expensive. If the concert date is moved to March, we would be able to request the Middle School auditorium as we are already in the same school year that the concert would be held. The Middle School probably would be the least expensive.

Artist Stephen Gerry is willing to donate an Andrew Wyeth print worth \$300-\$500 for silent auction purposes along with some of his own wood sculptures. A suggestion was made to display the articles in the Library as a preview to the silent auction at the Lippia concert.

Sponsorships need to be sought for the concert.

Much of what we do after the first of '09 should be part of the library's centennial celebration. Tours of the library will be offered at all functions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Booth, Chair