

**BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL
CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Wednesday, April 8, 2009

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The Special Centennial Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bethel Public Library was held in meeting room "A" of the CJH Municipal Center April 8, 2009 at 7:45PM.

Present

Chair Shani-Burke Specht, Library Director Lynn M. Rosato, Richard Merritt, Rebecca Hussey, Doratheia Gulya-Stasney, and Tom Addonizio.

Absent

Excused were: Mary Ferri, Wendy Smith, Robert Crnic, Elisa Volpati. Joanne Grumman was absent.

Call to Order

Chair Shani-Burke Specht called the meeting to order at 7:45PM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

No introductions

Public Comments

Mrs. Geraldine Mills, who is a member of the Board of Directors, was in attendance and made significant contributions of which are dispersed in the following unfinished business section.

Minutes

The March 5, 2009 minutes were tabled to our next Thursday, May 7th meeting.

Correspondence

None at this time

Announcements

None at this time

Unfinished Business (See attached Highlights Sheet from April to the present).

Shani distributed sample logo sheets to the Committee for our inspection and consideration. A discussion ensued and the consensus was that the color cream, which is called "Natural", (by the manufacturer), would be the color of choice for the Commemorative Centennial sweat shirts and Ts. As samples of the sweat shirts, t-shirts and color chips were passed around, the consensus was that the writing should be on the back and the front should have the main logo. The cost of the items, quantities and sizes will be determined, also with any potential sponsor identification. Shani to follow up.

Mrs. Mills made a mentioned that should we decide to display sponsorship, a little tag could be attached to the apparel when the item is bought. Mrs. Mills also commented on the logo and asked if the Seelye House logo was accurate as to the inclusion of the pillars back then, (circa 1900's)? A discussion took place and it was determined that the depiction of the pillars were correct.

Tom mentioned that the Seelye House apparel might be depicted with a combination of burgundy, black, and white "Natural" (as it is called by the paint manufacturer).

Shani led a discussion to have the sweat and t-shirts for the Bethel Bloom Days (April 18th) available. It was determined by vote that a short run of 100 for both items should be undertaken, with Doratheia making the motion and Tom seconded it. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Lynn reported that to date the Tech Survey has had 118 responses. The survey has been sent to Dr. Chesley, Hilda DeLucia, for their distribution, as well as paper Surveys placed in the Municipal Center and the Library. The Survey also can be taken on the Internet.

Lynn also spoke about the design of the Commemorative Library Card and described the layout. Lynn reminded the Committee that author Suzy Kline would be visiting the Library. The event will take place Tuesday April 14th.

Shani mentioned that 19 kids participated in the Read-A-Thon and approximately \$700 dollars was raised. A comment was made that the dollar figure for the number of kids participating was outstanding.

A discussion on the Bethel Memorial Day activities took place. Mrs. Mills mentioned if we were considering a float, we could contact Tuilio Bardinelli for the possible use of a flat bed truck. The consensus was that we march with the Centennial banner and possibly balloons and not have a float. This was done so that we don't show disrespect for the "Day". Bob Crnic and the Development Committee will iron out the details of our Bethel Memorial Day participation.

A discussion took place as to the Library Awareness Day being coordinate with The Summer Reading Activity on June 23rd. The Committee thought that this was a good idea.

Shani will send out and coordinate with sponsors on the Old Home Day Activities on July 4th. Activities discussed were to sell donuts and coffee in the morning, with kid activities in the afternoon, followed by The Sonny Carroll Band around 6PM.

Mrs. Mills suggested that we notify the area radio stations (not just WLAD) and the TV stations about the event. Mrs. Mills commented that she is familiar with contacts at the TV stations. Tom asked what or who sponsors the race? Shani will inquire about that.

Tom mentioned that we need to beware of the number of people that are attending The Birthday Party. He also needs to know from The Development Committee dollar wise where we stand? Shani suggested that we have a program book available listing the sponsors and/or to include their history.

Tom also asked to have a joint meeting with Lynn as to the PDF program he and Lynn are trying to incorporate.

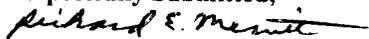
Rebecca presented to the Committee a book called "Dewey". *"It is a book about a small town library cat who touched the world"*. This book is by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. A vote was taken as to have this book for our Community Read. Shani made the motion and seconded by Dorathea. All in favor, the motion passed.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Tom and seconded by Dorathea to adjourn at 8:57PM, all in favor, the motion passed.

The next Centennial Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the CJH Municipal Center 7:30PM room "A".

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard E. Merritt
Centennial Member

Acting Recording Secretary

Bethel Public Library Centennial Activity Highlights

On-going

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| 100 Library Tours |
| 100 New e-Newsletter Subscribers |
| 100 New Library Cards |
| 100 Presentations to Community Organizations and/or Corporations |
| 100 Visits per day |
| Bethels Favorite Books |
| Exhibit of books about Libraries |
| Exhibit of books published in 1909 |
| List 100 Library Services |
| Survey Series |
| Recommended Reading from Town Officials |
| Monthly History Articles |

January

| Activity | Dates |
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| Survey 1 | 1-Jan-09 |
| Teen Creative Writing Program 100 years ahead | 1-Jan-09 |
| Town Officials Recommended Reading 01/2009 BOS | 1-Jan-09 |
| 2yrs - 5th Grade Read-a-thon | 1-Jan-09 |
| Commemorative Library Card | 1-Jan-09 |

February

| Activity | Dates |
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| Centennial Kick-off Event | 1-Feb-09 |
| Town Officials Recommended Reading 02/2009 LBOD | 1-Feb-09 |

March

| Activity | Dates |
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| Community Read | 1-Mar-09 |
| Community Solicitation Direct Mailing | 1-Mar-09 |
| Display of Prominent Historical Women in Bethel | 1-Mar-09 |

April

| Activity | Dates |
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| Spring Pansy Sale | 18-Apr-09 |
| Children's Author S. Kline | 1-May-09 |

May

| Activity | Dates |
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| Library Awareness Day | 17-May-09 |
| Memorial Day Parade | 17-May-09 |

June

| Activity | Dates |
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| Oral History Project | 1-Jun-09-31-Aug-09 |
| Summer Reading 100 years/Circus Theme | 1-Jun-09 |

July—Old Home Day Activities

| Activity | Dates |
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| Non-stop Read a loud | 4-Jul-09 |
| Pie Contest 100 pies | 4-Jul-09 |
| Scavenger Hunt | 4-Jul-09 |
| Taste of Parloa | 4-Jul-09 |
| Mini Golf (upstairs) | 4-Jul-09 |
| High School Summer Play 1909 theme | 4-Jul-09 |

September

| Activity | Dates |
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| Centennial Walk-a-thon | 26-Sep-09 |
| Fall Mum Sale | 26-Sep-09 |

October

| Activity | Dates |
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| Birthday Party--November 8th | 23-Oct-09 |

November

| Activity | Dates |
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| Proclamations of Nov 8 as Bethel Library Day | 7-Nov-09 |
| Holiday Wreath Sale | 27-Nov-09 |

December

| Activity | Dates |
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| 100 Shining Stars--People who have served the town | 1-Dec-09 |
| Children's Collection of book reports to be published and sold | 1-Dec-09 |