



**BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Wednesday, 21-Oct-2008/9  
7:00p.m.

*Use  
for Shani Burke Specht*

TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

**PRESENT:** Committee Chairman, Richard Merritt, Lorraine Go, Leslie Mason, Dan Gaita, and LBOD Chairman—Shani Burke Specht

Volunteer: Debbie Smith  
Library Staff: Lynn Rosato, Library Director

**ABSENT:** Terri Rotella

A meeting of the Bethel Public Library Board of Directors, Development Committee was called to order by Chairman, R. Merritt at 7:02pm.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

L. Go made a motion which was seconded by L. Mason to approve the minutes of the 26-Aug-09 Meeting. Voting in Favor R. Merritt, L. Go, and L. Mason. Abstaining, D. Gaita. The motion passed 3/0 with 1 abstention.

**CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

**Events:**

- (1) Mums Sale: R. Merritt reported that revenue from the Mums Sale was \$332.50. This is double of what was made last year. R. Merritt thanked D. Smith for heading up this event. D. Smith thanked L. Mason, L. Go, and L. Rosato for their assistance with the sale. In addition there were a number of volunteers who helped on that day.

(2) Wreath Sale: R. Merritt committed that the next event was the Mum sale. Debbie Smith reported that the event will take place on Friday, 26-Nov-09. The wreaths would be decorated on Saturday, 21-Nov-09. She will request that assistance of the Garden Club. A discussion took place regarding obtaining the wreaths, decorating, and the logistics of the event.

**Pay Pal:** D. Gaita reported that there have been no additional Lamp sales. The funds from Lamp sales and on-line donations are still in the Pay Pal account. These funds will be transfer before the end of the year.

**Grants:**

R. Merritt reported that he had spoken to P. Kansky, the Town's Grant writer. She has not been working on anything for the Library. R. Merritt reported that he is looking for Federal Funds from a number of sources.

L. Mason reported that she has had conversations with a representative of the Barden Corporation. Their Foundation can only give to a 501(c)(3) organization. There was a discussion about asking the Friends of the Library to assist with this issue which has been a problem for some other Foundations.

**Personal Solicitations**

L. Mason reported that she has not made contact with the Family she had agreed to contact at the last Grants meeting.

S. Burke Specht reported that she has had initial conversations with the 2 families that she was assigned at the last Grants meeting. S. Burke Specht also commented on the Town Meeting to accept the grants and the amount left to raise. She stated that the Board has made good progress toward the goal, and the events help us to be part of the committee. However, we need activities that are going to generate larger amounts to reach the goal of \$976, 968. A discussion of the lists that were developed for Personal Solicitations took place.

**Joint Session Began**

Chairman, Burke Specht called the Special Meeting of the Centennial Committee to order at 7:35 pm. The Development Committee and the Centennial Committee were now in Joint Session.

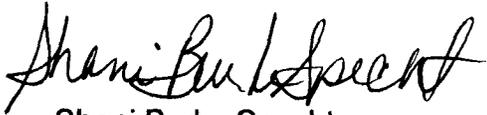
Centennial Committee Members Present: Chairman, Shani Burke Specht, Director Richard Merritt, Director Tom Addonizio, Volunteer, Debbie Smith, Volunteer Win Brickmeier, Volunteer Maryclaire Quine, and Volunteer Matt Hastava. Library Director, Lynn Rosato.

1. Centennial Gala: Chairman, S. Burke Specht spoke about the Gala being the biggest fundraiser of the year and the need for the Development Committee to assist with this event. A discussion of the activities that the Development Committee could assist with took place. L. Mason and L. Go agreed to follow-up with a list of MDs, JDs and DDs which have been invited to the Gala and asked to take sponsorships. T. Addonizio

requested that the Acquisition Data be shared with the development committee for follow-up and to not overlap with development activities. L. Rosato commented that she would put the Gala on the Library's Calendar of events.

As there was no further business of the joint session, L. Go made a motion to adjourn the Development Committee Meeting. The Motion was seconded by L. Mason. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. The Development Committee and the joint session ended at 7:49pm. The Centennial Committee Meeting continued.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shani Burke Specht". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

Shani Burke Specht,  
Chairman, Library Board of Directors