

**Bethel Public Library Board of Directors
Special Meeting, November 2, 2009**

The Special Meeting of the Bethel Public Library Board of Directors was held at the CJH Municipal Center on November 2, 2009 in Meeting Room A.

Chairman Shani Burke-Specht and Directors Terri Rotella, Lorraine Go, Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Richard Merritt, Linda Curtis, Leslie Mason, Daniel Gaita, Tom Addonizio were present. Library Director Lynn Rosato was also in attendance.

Directors Elisa Volpati and Geraldine Mills were absent with notice.

Chairman Burke-Specht called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Chairman Burke-Specht received a note from Dr. Chesley, Superintendent of Schools, along with a donation for the purchase of a ticket to the gala. The Chamber of Commerce is planning an event at Peoples United Bank on November 5th. The Technology, Personnel and Planning Committees need to schedule meetings. Chairman Burke-Specht also announced, with regret, that the Recording Secretary, Lisa Bono has resigned.

Approval of Minutes

L. Mason moved to table approval of the September 29, 2009 minutes until the next meeting, seconded by L. Curtis. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Reports

1. Librarian's Report: Library Director Rosato advised that the grant application to the State Library has been completed. The budget requirement for the grant has been waived this year due to the economic limitations facing the libraries. The history book for the centennial celebration is finished and will be ready for distribution at the gala. Results for the Bethel Public Library Centennial Survey # Four were distributed. D. Gaita moved to accept the Librarian's Report, seconded by L. Go. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Addonizio gave a brief overview of the report. Chairman Burke-Specht stated that there is still \$973,000 needed to reach the capital campaign goal, but was glad to see the amount is less than \$1M at this time. L. Curtis moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by R. Merritt. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Friends of the Library Report: There was no one from the Friends present. L. Mason suggested sending a thank you note to the Friends for holding the Lippia Concert.

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Committee Reports

1. Centennial Committee Report: Chairman Burke-Specht moved to set a price point of \$19.09 for the history/commemorative book, seconded by T. Rotella. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion followed regarding the gala. Among other things, ticketing, sponsorships and entertainment were discussed. Board members, who have not purchased tickets for the gala, were encouraged to do so. Chairman Burke-Specht advised that the Centennial Committee has had discussions regarding the presentation of an award.

D. Gulya-Stasny thanked Chairman Burke-Specht and Tom Addonizio, Gala Chairman, for their many hours of hard work to make the gala a once in a lifetime celebration of the 100th birthday of the library. Chairman Burke-Specht has also, at the same time, been working on fundraising as well as performing her duties for the Library Board of Directors.

2. Development Committee: R. Merritt advised that the Wreath Sale would take place in front of the library on November 27th.

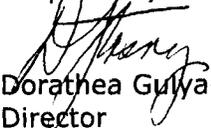
3. Grants Committee: L. Mason advised that she continues to contact prospect donors.

Unfinished Business

1. Goals and Objectives: The goals and objectives were reviewed and discussed. The Personnel Committee will meet on November 5, 2009 to discuss the library director's evaluation.

Terri Rotella moved to adjourn at 7:41 PM, seconded by R. Merritt. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorathea Gulya-Stasny
Director