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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors Development Committee  
Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 2:00 P.M.

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**Present:** Chair Trisha Lewis, Kim Adams, Jim Forman, Richard Merritt, Terri Rotella, Lynn Rosato, Library Director and Jane Bickford, Library Board Chair

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** Tom Carruthers from CT Film Festival

**Call to Order:** Trisha Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:12 P.M.

**Public Input:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Having no changes to the Minutes, a motion was made by Jane Bickford to approve and seconded by Jim Forman. Motion carried. Trisha Lewis abstained.

### **2010 Fund Raising Considerations:**

#### **Connecticut Film Festival Evening**

Tom Carruthers spoke to the Committee about the possibility of the Library sponsoring the Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> evening of the CFF at the Palace Theatre in Danbury. A special meeting of the Board will be called next week to vote on the approval.

#### **Wine Tasting**

Terri Rotella reported the paperwork for the liquor permit was in process with the Bethel Police Department.

Rich Merritt spoke to Pat Rist about the possibility of the Library and the Historical Society having a joint program for the Fall Festival events. Mr. Merritt will meet with Mrs. Rist on March 19<sup>th</sup>, after the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Historical Society. Mrs. Rist was very interested in the idea.

Mr. Merritt also will contact the Bethel Chamber of Commerce regarding the Library's events for the weekend.

### **Mystery Theatre**

If the Board approves the CFF event, it was suggested to changing the date of the mystery event to October 30<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, depending on availability. Mrs. Lewis will contact the venue concerning the dates.

Mr. Forman generously volunteered to buy the script for the event.

### **Pansy Sale**

Holding the third annual pansy sale in April during Bethel Blooms was discussed.

### **Wreath Sale**

Holding the third annual wreath sale on November 27 on the day of the Tree Lighting Festival was discussed.

### **Other Fund Raising Activities:**

Kim Adams volunteered to approach the People's Bank and Target concerning possible grants. Kim also reported that the first bottle of Smirnoff vodka was made in Bethel and will contact their North American headquarters office in Norwalk for a possible donation.

Jane Bickford noted that she will revise the cover letter and will work with Lynn Rosato to update the rest of the campaign packet materials.

The Friends of the Library have agreed to apply for a grant from Savings Bank of Danbury.

Jim Forman volunteered to prepare a spread sheet of all fundraising events the Committee would like to under take in 2010.

Motion made by Jim Forman to move forward with partnering with the Connecticut Film Festival (CTFF) for a turnkey fundraising event including a film showing, speaker, and cocktail party at the Palace Theatre in Danbury on either the evening of May 5 or May 6, preferably May 6, based on clarification of page 2 of the CTFF proposal, seconded by Richard Merritt. The motion passed.

Motion made by Richard Merritt to hold a Mystery Dinner Theatre fundraising event on either May 1, 2010 or move it to the end of October, depending on the outcome of action taken by the Board regarding the CTFF proposal above, seconded by Jim Forman. The motion passed.

Motion made by Kim Adams to celebrate the Fall Festival with a Founder's Day event, a mum sale on Saturday during the day and a wine tasting fundraising event in the evening, and possible co-sponsorship with the Bethel Historical Society of a program book for the weekend activities, seconded by Richard Merritt. The motion passed.

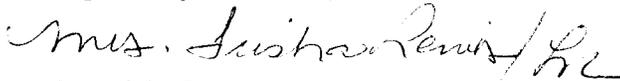
Motion made by Jim Forman to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual pansy sale during Bethel Blooms in April, seconded by Richard Merritt. The motion passed.

Motion made by Kim Adams to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual wreath sale on Friday, November 27, 2010, seconded by Jim Forman. The motion passed.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 17, 2010

**Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn at 4:20 P.M. was made by Jim Forman and seconded by Rich Merritt. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Trisha Lewis  
Committee Chair