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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors

Monday, March 22, 2010

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room "A"

Present: Jane Bickford, Chairman; Kim Adams, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Dorathea Gulya-Stasney, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Shani Burke Specht, Elisa Volpati, Directors.

Lynn Rosato, Library Director

Matt Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Ex Officio Member.

Absent with notice: Tom Addonizio, Robin Kahn.

Director Terri Rotella entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Visitors: Linda Curtis, Friends of the Library; Joanne Grumman, Children's Librarian.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS Chairman Bickford presented a letter from the Bethel High School Post-Prom Committee requesting a donation, and a letter re: the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Chairman Bickford reported that the Library has been notified of a bequest from the estate of Delores V. Von Bank in the amount of \$1,000 with an additional amount to come as a result of a division of the remainder of the estate, which totals apprx. \$400,000.

Chairman Bickford relayed an invitation from the sculptor of the P.T. Barnum statue to attend a viewing of the finished model prior to the casting of the full-sized sculpture. The viewing will be on March 27, 2010, at noon at 10 Mount Orchard, Bethel.

Chairman Bickford announced the date of the public hearing on the budget, which will be March 29, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel High School. The Library budget did not get changed by either the Board of Selectmen or the Board of Finance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Discussion of February 22, 2010, meeting minutes. Dorathea Gulya-Stasny recommended adding on page 2, paragraph 2, a final sentence: "It is customary and not uncommon for the Library Director to do this."

Shani Burke Specht noted the need to add on page 2 under Approval of Minutes, the actual time discrepancy. Discussion. February 22 minutes read "Second paragraph of the December 10 minutes to be stricken."

Shani Burke Specht noted page 5, under Library Board Transition Report, the need to add "Shani Burke Specht submitted a letter to Chairman Bickford, with copies to the Board, regarding items discussed."

Motion made by Shani Burke Specht to approve the February 22, 2010, meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion seconded by Eileen Freebairn.

Voting "yes": Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Richard Merritt, Shani Burke Specht, Elisa Volpati.

Voting "no": none.

Abstain: Kim Adams, Trisha Lewis

Motion passed.

Discussion of March 8, 2010, special meeting minutes. Shani Burke Specht made the addition to her thanks of Tom Carruthers on page 1, "...and his support of the Library through the Centennial Gala and the Bethel Survey." Also two sentences down, correction of "FOI" to read "FOIA."

Motion made by Shani Burke Specht to approve the March 8, 2010, special meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion seconded by Kim Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Addonizio distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report to the Board prior to the meeting.

Motion made by Dorathea Gulya-Stasny to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion seconded by Eileen Freebairn. Motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the Library Director's Report to the Board prior to the meeting. She reported that the Library received a citation from the Board of Education: "Bethel Public Schools Certificate of Appreciation, awarded to Bethel Public Library for outstanding dedication and lasting contribution to Bethel High School's community-based education and training program. March 18, 2010. Signed by Gary Chesley, Superintendent of Schools." The award is in recognition of the Library's volunteer program which is coordinated with Bethel High School to train students of varying abilities to work at the Library.

Shani Burke Specht asked a question re: removal of the banner from the Library building. Library Director reported that the banner has been removed from the main entrance of the building and has requested several times that the banner on the Seelye House also be removed.

Library Director Rosato introduced Children's Librarian Joanne Grumman, who has worked at the Bethel Library for almost 26 years. She described in detail her duties and role at the Library, and the ongoing work of her staff to provide outstanding materials, resources and programs to the children of Bethel. The Children's Department works closely with public and private schools in Bethel, as well as with local pre-schools and home-schooling parents. The annual Summer Reading program is always a great success, with 398 children participating last summer.

Dorathea Gulya-Stasny thanked Joanne Grumman for coming here tonight and speaking to the Board about what she does at the Library, and for her years of service to the Library and the citizens of Bethel, and especially to the children of Bethel. Richard Merritt noted that the results of the five Library patron surveys show that the Children's Department is doing an excellent job and gets excellent reviews on the surveys. Shani Burke Specht also thanked Joanne Grumman for her work at the Library and for her participation on the Centennial Committee, which was much appreciated.

Joanne Grumman left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Centennial Committee Final Report: Shani Burke Specht had emailed copies of the final report of the Centennial Committee prior to the Board meeting. The Committee's final meeting was March 17, 2010. Shani Burke Specht thanked all of the Committee members and volunteers for their contributions to the huge success of the Centennial. Highlights of the final report: activities were held every month during the Centennial year; 2,882 participants at Centennial events; and \$34,000 raised for the Library's Capital Campaign. Richard Merritt

thanked Shani Burke Specht for her hard work and the resulting success of the Centennial celebration, and noted that the Committee met all of its objectives.

Chairman Bickford raised questions and concerns re: the quality and accuracy of the final report of the Centennial Committee, especially the financials. Extensive discussion of ways to re-do and re-submit the report, and of the need for another meeting by the Centennial Committee.

Discussion of general problems surrounding the scheduling of Library committee meetings. Point of order made by ex officio member and First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, noting that the discussion had drifted away from the Centennial Committee's final report. Chairman Bickford requested that the Centennial Committee meet again to review and correct its final report and then re-submit it. Elisa Volpati offered to edit and review the final report and send it to Library Director Rosato for her review and corrections. Shani Burke Specht will meet with Library Director Rosato to review the financials. Shani Burke Specht will submit a revised report.

Motion made by Shani Burke Specht to dissolve the Centennial Committee.

Motion seconded by Dorathea Gulya-Stasny. Discussion.

Motion made by Dorathea Gulya-Stasny to move the question. Seconded by Shani Burke Specht. Motion to move the question passed unanimously.

Voting "yes" to dissolve the Centennial Committee: Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Richard Merritt, Shani Burke Specht, Elisa Volpati.

Voting "no" to dissolve the Centennial Committee: Kim Adams, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Trisha Lewis.

Motion passed. The Centennial Committee is dissolved. Its final report will be revised and re-submitted. Discussion of the need for final reports from other committees.

Consideration of Technology Committee Requests: Richard Merritt reported on the March 3, 2010, committee meeting. Review of technology requests made by Library Director Rosato, which were previously submitted to the Board and discussed at its February 22, 2010, meeting. Committee motion to approve expenditure of \$620 for 31 additional licenses for Office 2007 through Tech Soup; \$180 for 4 copies of PDF converter software through Tech Soup; \$170 for 1 copy of Dragon Naturally Speaking voice recognition software; \$2,000 for server replacement from Bibliomation plus 4 hours set-up; and \$299 for Giftworks software for management of fundraising and development activities. Total request \$3,269. Discussion.

Dorathea Gulya-Stasny questioned the need to upgrade to Office 2007 at this time. Richard Merritt reported that Tom Addonizio did endorse the upgrade at the Technology Committee meeting. Library Director Rosato noted that the money for the technology requests will come from the old state grant, and that use of that grant money is required within two years per statute. Dorathea Gulya-Stasny stated that she cannot vote in favor of this request because the building project should take precedence in using the state grant funds, and that she would support using money from the supplies account for the technology requests. Discussion.

Motion made by Shani Burke Specht to allocate \$800 for the purchase of 31 additional licenses of Office 2007 and 4 copies of PDF converter software from the old grant and c-card accounts. Discussion. Committee motion already on the floor. It was noted that \$170 for Dragon Naturally Speaking had been approved by the Board at its February 22, 2010, meeting. Revised total technology request is \$3,099.

Committee motion to approve the total technology request in the amount of \$3,099 from old state grant and c-card accounts.

Voting "yes": Kim Adams, Eileen Freebairn, Jim Forman, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt.

Voting "no": Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Shani Burke Specht, Elisa Volpati.

Motion passed.

Richard Merritt reported that the Technology Committee's discussion of the Library Technology Plan had been tabled from March 3 to March 17 and will be discussed again on March 29. The committee is taking the 2006 plan and updating it in response to the results of the technology survey taken by patrons.

Discussion of FOIA requirements re: submission of meeting minutes, and minutes of actions taken at a meeting. It was confirmed that minutes from special meetings must be filed within seven days of the meeting and that actions taken at any meeting, regular or special, must be filed within 48 hours of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of the Library Report: Linda Curtis, Chairman of the FOL Membership Committee, presented the FOL report and distributed information re: April Poetry Month events and fundraising activities by the FOL. Funds are raised through book sales and annual membership fees; Linda Curtis invited and encouraged all Board members to join the FOL. Chairman Bickford and Library Director Rosato have attended the February and March FOL board meetings requesting FOL sponsorship of the September 25, 2010, wine-tasting event. Linda Curtis reported that the FOL board has approved sponsorship in the amount of \$1,725.

Linda Curtis was thanked for her reported and left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Library Board Procedures Review: Chairman Bickford requested that all committee meeting agendas go through Library Director Rosato for scheduling and distribution. Committee meetings need to be scheduled so that Library Director Rosato, and preferably Chairman Bickford as well, are able to attend. Dorathea Gulya-Stasny suggested that all Board members get copies of all committee agendas. Discussion. Suggestion by ex officio member Matt Knickerbocker that agendas list committee members at the top of the agenda, and that all Board members receive copies of all agendas. Discussion. Chairman Bickford will adopt this protocol; all committee agendas and minutes will go through Library Director Rosato to print on Library letterhead, schedule and file.

Shani Burke Specht requested that Chairman Bickford remove her as chairman of the Grants Committee, because she feels the protocol is a violation of the policies that govern the Library Board. Chairman Bickford stated her belief that it is a procedural matter within the purview of the Library Board Chairman. Chairman Bickford accepted Mrs. Specht's resignation as chair of the Grants Committee.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee: Trisha Lewis thanked the FOL again for their sponsorship of the wine-tasting event. The third annual Pansy Sale will be April 24, 2010 from 10am-3pm, and Hollandia Nurseries will be asked for a discount or possible sponsorship. The Committee passed a motion to request from the Board an amount not to exceed \$900 to acquire the same quantity as last year of 100 pansy types. It was noted that support of the Pansy Sale was included in the Board vote taken at its meeting on February 22, 2010.

Trisha Lewis contacted the Stony Hill Inn re: dates to hold the Mystery Dinner Theater; October 23 is available. Jim Forman contacted Martha Bishop re: her participation again this year. Jim Forman has graciously offered to purchase the script.

Motion of the Development Committee to hold a Mystery Dinner Theater event at the Stony Hill Inn on October 23, 2010, for a cost of \$6,492, as described on the Committee's previously-distributed chart of proposed fundraising events.

Voting "yes": Kim Adams, Eileen Freebairn, Jim Forman, Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Terri Rotella, Shani Burke Specht.

Abstain: Elisa Volpati.

Richard Merritt thanked Kim Adams for photographing the lamps and agreeing to manage the Library's PayPal account for the ongoing lamp sale through eBay.

Trisha Lewis distributed draft solicitation documents for sponsorship of the May 6, 2010, CTFF event and the "Botanical Bundle." Shani Burke Specht questioned whether "5 sponsor ads" meant five different events in the CTFF program, or five different ads the CTFF buys. Trisha Lewis will get clarification from Tom Carruthers. Discussion of details of publicity for CTFF and ticket sales. Kim Adams reported that there are 400 seats to sell, plus 15 comp tickets available to sponsors. VIP/all-access passes are provided by CTFF.

Shani Burke Specht had asked Tom Carruthers questions re: repeat participation in CTFF by other nonprofits, and whether it was possible to split tickets sales with CTFF rather than commit money upfront. Kim Adams recalled that Tom Carruthers had responded to the question about splitting ticket sales, and that the \$10,000 fee was non-negotiable and paid after the event. Discussion.

Trisha Lewis asked the Board to approve using the chart for solicitation for the CTFF event. Shani Burke Specht recommended combining sponsorship opportunities into one comprehensive solicitation package. Trisha Lewis and Jim Forman reported that is the

Development Committee's intention. Jim Forman noted that the wine-tasting event is sponsored in full, and the Mystery Dinner Theater just received approval tonight. Chairman Bickford noted that separate sheets for each event will be included in one sponsorship package. Elisa Volpati asked if any sponsors had been approached re: the CTFF event. Not as yet.

Motion made by Shani Burke Specht to approve the Development Committee's sponsorship plan pending clarification of the "5 program ads" section. Motion seconded by Elisa Volpati. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Shani Burke Specht to approve the Development Committee's sponsorship plan for the "Botanical Bundle." Motion seconded by Terri Rotella. Motion passed unanimously.

Trisha Lewis reported that Debbie Smith is working with a new Library volunteer, Hoskins Smith. Debbie Smith will contact the Sycamore restaurant re: possible library involvement in a sock hop celebrating Elvis Presley's 75th birthday. Debbie Smith will report back to the Development Committee.

Richard Merritt asked a question re: lamp sales. Library Director Rosato reported that the FOL agreed that the Library could have a table to sell lamps at its next book sale.

Policy Committee: Trisha Lewis reported that the Policy Committee has met to compare and discuss the 2008 and 2009 Bylaws. The committee meets again on April 1, 2010, and will present its finished document to the Library Board at the April Board meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Dorathea Gulya-Stasny reported that the committee met on March 12, 2010, and reviewed the application. Changes have been made in application deadlines at the request of the Bethel High School Guidance department. They would like the name of the scholarship recipient by April 30. The Scholarship Committee will meet during the week of April 19. Scholarship applications were personally delivered to Bethel High School, Henry Abbott Tech, Immaculate and Wooster School. Library Director Rosato mentioned that the Treasurer's Report reminded the Board to transfer money from the CD to the Board account.

Motion made by Dorathea Gulya-Stasny to transfer \$500 from the scholarship account to the Board checking account. Motion seconded by Shani Burke Specht. Motion passed unanimously.

Dorathea Gulya-Stasny recommended that the committee meet in March next year. Discussion.

Grants Committee: Shani Burke Specht reported that the committee met on March 17, 2010, and discussed goals and objectives; copies of the Committee's goals and objectives have been emailed to Board members. The Committee voted to recommend the goals and objectives to the full Board. The primary goal of the Committee is to raise \$200,000 in funds for the Capital Campaign, with five objectives for reaching that goal. Discussion of objectives. Shani Burke Specht said that the Committee's intention was for the Library Director and Library staff to develop and implement the actual programs. Chairman Bickford asked whether the \$200,000 goal was achievable; Shani Burke Specht feels it is ambitious given the money available.

Discussion of Kresge grant, which is a "bricks & mortar" grant, and requires reporting donor participation of all Board members and staff to the Capital Campaign.

Committee motion for Board approval of goals and objectives passed unanimously.

Building Project Update: Library Director's Report was reviewed. Chairman Bickford and Library Director Rosato reviewed both contracts for the CCCT and DECD grants. June 30, 2010, is the deadline for the \$150,000 DECD bond. The contract was executed by the Town in January or February of this year. A revised budget and a revised plan need to be submitted. Library Director Rosato has asked Bob Tripi for revised cost estimates, and she noted that the CCCT contract needs to be executed ASAP. Discussion. Matt Knickerbocker will assist in shepherding the CCT contract through the process.

Matt Knickerbocker asked a question re: the remaining gap in funding the Library building project. Shani Burke Specht reported a gap of \$722,000. Matt Knickerbocker reported that he will be meeting with legislators in Hartford tomorrow and is actively pursuing a \$500,000 Downtown Development grant previously designated for Bethel. This grant could be used for municipal parking, thereby reducing the amount of project money needed for Library parking. Discussion. Library Board members offered to contact local legislators in support of releasing this grant money.

Shani Burke Specht wanted it noted in the meeting minutes that the Executive Committee has not met and presented annual goals and objectives to this Board, as required by Article 4 D1 of our Bylaws.

Shani Burke Specht also questioned whether it is proper to include "Other" on a meeting agenda.

Shani Burke Specht moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Terri Rotella. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bickford adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Forsyth Randhahn

Recording Secretary



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Date: February 19, 2010

From: Bethel High School, Post Prom Committee

RE: Request for Business Donation

A gift from the Community.

Even with the holidays behind us, the chance to give a potentially life-changing gift still exists. National statistics show that incidents of teenage pregnancy, car accidents and even death are highest on prom night. Fortunately, for years, a small number of caring parents, teachers and community members have joined together to provide a safe and fun environment for the Bethel High School graduating seniors and their prom dates in an attempt to keep our kids from becoming one of these troubling statistics. Thanks to these efforts, the event is free for all who attend. It is also, by design, free of alcohol, drugs and inappropriate behavior. The evening is considered a gift to our children – from our community.

This year's post prom celebration will be held at the Bethel High School on Friday, May 21st - immediately following the prom and will end Saturday morning, May 22nd around 6:00 in the morning. We'll be hosting a "Freedom of the Seniors" Cruise theme which will feature an evening of entertainment typical of cruise ships, including a live performer, food buffet, photographer, and plenty of on-board activities to engage and excite the kids. Throughout the evening, we provide great prizes and gifts that help to keep everyone on site until the early hours of the morning.

None of this is possible without the help of additional concerned townspeople. Please help us to build such a positive experience for the kids that this tradition will continue for decades into the future.

How can you help?

We need raffle prizes. Prizes can come in the form of anything that works for you. Gift certificates or items from your business are always appreciated...anything from a free corsage, gas cards, lunch...Cannondale even donated a custom made bicycle one year, which was a crowd favorite! We can also easily convert cash donations into prizes. For example, in the past, we have compiled cash donations to give away computers, iPods, televisions, cameras and other amazing items. Anything is appreciated because raffle prizes help to keep the kids there all night – which, of course, is our goal. We try to secure \$500 items down to \$5 items because we always ensure that every single person walks away with something at the end of the night. Your contribution will be recognized when we award the prize, ensuring that our kids are aware of your concern and active participation in their safety and well-being.

Every mother and father who has a child going to the prom will stay up anxiously awaiting the sweet sound of footsteps coming through the door when it's over. Please help us to make this year's prom a happy, memorable occasion for everyone...from the pinning of the corsage until the sun rises the next day.

Thank you!

* Please send Cash Donations to Michele Zanchelli, PTO Treasurer, 15 Kristy Drive, Bethel, CT 06801. Physical prize donations or gifts can be sent to the attention of Sharon Vaghi 109 Grassy Plain Street, Bethel, CT 06801 (203.744.7753) or Denise Musser at Bethel High School. We will also be happy to pick up any donations...simply call Sharon or Denise at 203.794.8600, ext. 428 and provide her with the details of your contribution so that we can arrange a pick-up.



Bethel Chamber of Commerce

February 2010

"Building a Better Bethel"

16 P.T. Barnum Square
Bethel, CT 06801

BIZ TIP

Show your customers that you care. Do not park in the front row! Leave those spots for them. It makes them more likely to stop when parking is close & convenient. They may not stop if they have to walk too far. So make parking available & watch your sales increase!!!



The Bethel Steering Committee brings this business tip of the month to us. Want to give us your tip? E-mail us at UKGourmet@aol.com

GOING GREEN

We are getting rid of the paper newsletter.
We want to do our part to be GREEN.

We can only do this with your help.

We are making calls to get e-mails and update everyone's information.

You can help us speed up the process by e-mailing your information to bethelchamber@aol.com Please e-mail us your info in this format:

- Company Name
- Legal Name if different
- Street Address
- Town, State, Zip
- Phone and Fax numbers
- E-mail & Web-Site Address
- Business Category
- Contact Person
- Number of Years in Business

SPONSOR

BCofC is looking for a biz to sponsor events. Interested?

ADVERTISE WITH US

Want to advertise in the newsletter? Contact us & have your info to us by the 15th of each month.

BUSINESS 101

Did you know that you should greet your customers within 20 seconds of them entering your store. It not only lets them know that you are there to help them it also cuts down on shoplifting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New Biz & Phone	Owner/ Manager	Address	E-mail & Web-Site
Above All Style Beauty Salon (203) 770-8323	Stephanie Johnson	47 Stony Hill Rd	steph@aboveallstyle.com www.aboveallstyle.com
Aqua Dog Spa Pets; Self Service Dog Wash (203) 297-6133	Beth Briggs	32 Stony Hill Rd	info@aquadogonline.com www.AquaDogOnline.com
Isagenix Nutritional Coach Nutrition, Skin Care	Danielle Bournos	30 Lakeshore N New Fairfield	dbornos@charter.net http://cleanseforlove.isagenix.com
JTM Financial Services Mortgage & Financial Services (203) 797-0653	Jay T. McGorty	19 Stony Hill Rd	jtm.finicial@snet.net www.itmfinancial.com
JTM Realty Real Estate Agency/Sales (203) 797-0653	Jay T. McGorty, Realtor	19 Stony Hill Rd	jtm.finicial@snet.net
Lebanese Market, Inc Specialty Grocery Store (203) 617-0604	Samir F. Baddour	10 Stony Hill Rd	Lebanesemarket@sbaddour.com
Liberty Tax Service Tax Preparation & Education (203) 748-1040	Michael O' Leary	178 Greenwood Ave	Mikeo24@optonline.net
Per Tutti Restaurant (203) 797-0097	Tony Dakaj	25 Grassy Plain St	
Perez Wine & Spirits Liquor Store (203) 297-6272	Jose & Edwin Perez	61 Newtown Rd Danbury	Diceplayer23@hotmail.com
Royal Fish & Chips Restaurant (203) 297-0665	Abid Zafar Saqib Zafar	75 Stony Hill Rd	Abidzaf@yahoo.com SaqibZafar18@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH: Legislative Breakfast with State Senators & Representatives Date & Time TBD

APRIL: Networking Card Exchange Escape Salon & Spa, 232 Greenwood Avenue Date & Time TBD

Bethel Chamber and Newtown Chamber joint networking event at the Empire Szechuan in Bethel. More details to come on this event. *The Bethel Chamber is looking for a sponsor for this event. If you would like information on how to sponsor this event or others, please contact us.*

"Breakfast for Care" hosted by the Bethel Visiting Nurse Association, will take place at the Ethan Allen Inn, April 23 from 7:30am until 9am. For Reservations, Sponsor a Table, or to donate a Raffle Prize please call the BVNA at 203-792-0864. *Sponsored by Union Savings Bank.*

Bethel Blooms April 23rd & 24th. Create your own 3-4 feet tall flower made from any medium. In addition, there will be an Art show contest for children of all ages. Kids' art will be displayed in local businesses. See attached info.

MAY: Memorial Day Parade, 23rd.

JUNE: Annual Meeting & Election of Directors Breakfast Location, Date & Time TBD.

Amber Alert & Sidewalk Sale Saturday June 12th from 10-5pm to be held on the grounds of the 4-H Center. All Merchants are welcome to set up a table. Please email Madeline Bunt at the Union Savings Bank to reserve a spot at mbunt@unionsavings.com. Time TBD for the Amber Alert.

American Cancer Society's Bethel Relay for Life Fundraiser is to be held Saturday June 12th from 5pm till Sunday June 13th at 8am at the Bethel High School Track: The R4L's theme is "All around the World", with each team picking a country. This year's team is The Stony Hill Four Corners Clairvoyants. Come join in on all the fun. We will be reading Tarot Cards as our fundraiser again this year. Anyone who can read Tarot Cards please let us know. The Readings were a huge hit last year and we were busy all night. It was great fun. *For more info: Stacy Ashby at the Stony Hill Union Savings Bank at SAshby@unionsavings.com or Lisa Whitmore at UKGourmet@aol.com or visit our Relay For Life page at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/SH4C>. Join our team or create your own team.*

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

JULY:

Bethel Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival July 16th-18th. Join the downtown sidewalk sale Friday & Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 11-4. Free to set up a table to Bethel Chamber Members and a small nominal fee to non-members. Contact Violet Mattone, Executive Director at the BC of C office at 203-743-6500 or e-mail BethelChamber@aol.com

AUGUST:

Bethel Chamber of Commerce Annual Steak Roast. We are looking for Sponsors & Committee members to help organize this event. The Steak Roast has an amazing turnout. Get maximum exposure for you and your business by donating a raffle prize and attending.

SEPTEMBER:

PT Barnum & Downtown Harvest Festival & Sidewalk Sale September 25th & 26th. The Bethel Historical Society is honoring PT Barnum's 200th Birthday with a 2 day Festival. We are working on ideas on how the Stony Hill Four Corners can be a part of this wonderful event as well. There will be a parade on Sunday. Does any one want to create a float?

Blue Jay Orchard's Annual Craft Fair: Held in September on a Saturday & Sunday from 10-5pm. Join the many vendors and set up a table to advertise your business. Blue Jay Orchards does not charge us to have a table. This may be the same weekend as the PT Barnum Festival. Thanks BJO.

Economic Forecast Presentation: Date, Time, Location, TBD.

OCTOBER:

Halloween "Trick or Treat" Street: PT Barnum Square, Saturday the 30th from 2-4pm, Costume judging 4-5pm

Third Annual Halloween Pancake Breakfast for the SHFD Ambulance Fund: Sunday October 24th from 9am until noon. Last year was Sponsored by The Big Y World Class Market, Blue Jay Orchards, Chef Armando, New Colony V Diner, Quality Gem, Union Savings Bank, UK Gourmet and Bethel & Newtown Merchants.

NOVEMBER:

Downtown Bethel Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday the 27th.

Stony Hill Food Drive & Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday, the 20th starting at 5pm.

DECEMBER: Christmas Holiday Social TBD

Just ask Paul Rinaldi of the Bethel Big Y about the BETHEL BLOOMS Contest. They received a lot of positive feed back and were even on the front page of their employee magazine. Nice!



Please contact these Bethel Chamber Representatives with any questions:

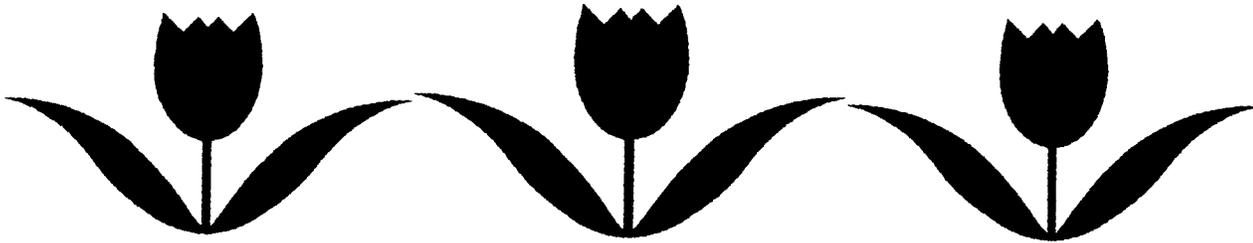
Violet Mattone: Executive Director at 203-743-6500

Lorraine Schrameck of Silver Touch, Chamber President at 203-778-1778

Lisa Whitmore of UK Gourmet, Chamber Vice President at 203-426-9666

Create Your Own Flower

3rd annual "Bethel Bloom" contest



Decorate the Town

For "Bethel Blooms Spring Celebration" Weekend

April 23rd-24th

Construct your own flower from any medium of your choice

*Single Bloom Flowers must be 3-4 feet tall to be hung from lampposts
Sturdy, weatherproof and non-offensive. Stem to be no wider than post.

Bring completed flowers to The Bethel Chamber of Commerce Office,
Emily's Gourmet or Head Over Heels by 4/13/10

Be as creative as you can be.

*First Prize: \$50.00

*Second Prize: \$25.00

Flowers will be on display from
Dolan Plaza to Bethel Food Market

The Bethel Chamber of Commerce Retail Steering Committee will judge the
blooms and announce the winner on April 24th.

Let us Support One Another & Grow As A Community.

Name or Organization: _____
Contact Person: _____ Telephone No. #: _____

Please Respond by March 31st.

For More Information, call Emily's 203-743-3513 or Head Over Heels 203-778-1188.

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"Building a Better Bethel"

The Friends of the Bethel Public Library
presents its
2010 Contemporary American Poets Series

*Poets
of the
Earth*

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Roger Roloff

The New Paltz poet—who for 21 years made his living as a baritone on the world's opera and concert stages—reads some of his sonnets, ballads, and blank verse, including poems from his newest book, *Illuminations*.

Sunday, April 18, 2010

A Tribute to America's Nature Poets

Bethel residents read selected works from Gary Snyder, Mary Oliver, Amy Clampitt, Billy Collins and other leading nature poets.

Free Admission. Registration is required.

Please call 203-794-8756 ext 4 to make your reservations.

All programs begin at 2 p.m. and take place in the Library's historic Seelye Room. Refreshments will be served.

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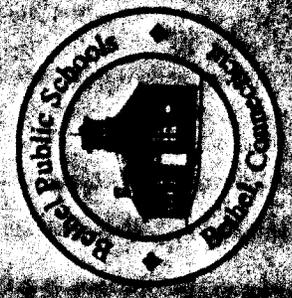
Bethel Public Library

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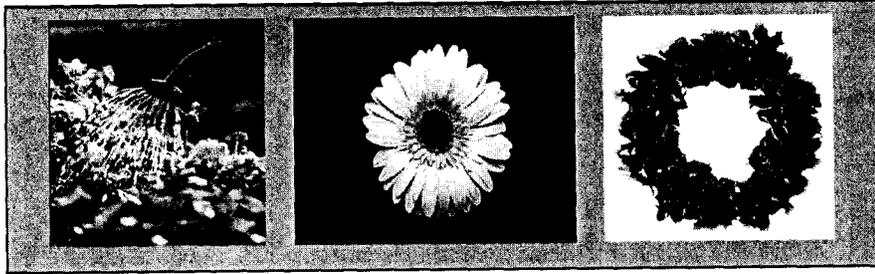
March 18, 2010



*Sarah M. Chisholm
Superintendent of Schools*

Bethel Public Library "Botanical Bundle"

2010 Fundraiser Sponsorship Guide



Thank you for considering sponsoring one, two, or all of the seasonal fundraising events below. Your sponsorship will go a long way. All net fundraising proceeds go toward the capital campaign and help us finish our library and best serve the community.

- Event #1 – "Bethel Blooms" Pansy Sale – Saturday, April 24, 2010
Lovely spring pansies will be sold – cheerful bright live plants to bloom in your window or garden. Sale held during the town-wide "Bethel Blooms" weekend spring festival.

- Event #2 – Autumn Mum Sale – Saturday, September 25, 2010
Our sale of vibrant potted fall chrysanthemums corresponds with the Downtown Bethel Fall Festival, the Bethel Library Wine Tasting Event and the special 2010 P.T. Barnum Celebration.

- Event #3 – Holiday Wreath Sale – Friday, November 26, 2010
Live and artificial wreaths come decorated and ready to brighten any holiday setting. Sale is the same day as the popular annual Bethel Tree Lighting Event at P.T. Barnum Park.

Sponsorship Levels *(Please check box at left of sponsorship level and desired box(es) above.)*

- \$50.00 – Your name mentioned in publicity corresponding to ONE "Botanical" event (please check desired box above).

- \$100.00- Your name mentioned in publicity corresponding to TWO "Botanical" events (please check two desired boxes above).

- \$250.00- Your name mentioned in publicity corresponding to ALL THREE "Botanical" events (please check all boxes above). Also, any promotional literature from your organization you wish to leave will be displayed and accessible to the public at the event.

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- I wish to donate gifts or gift certificate to be used as a door prize/raffle item at one or more events above.
Please specify gift(s) and event(s) _____

Please complete separate Sponsorship Form for payment information. Thank you!



Bethel Public Library
Board of Directors
Grants Committee
2010 Goals and Objectives

- Goal: To raise \$200,000 in funds for the Capital Campaign.
 1. To determine any Federal Programs that we fund the completion of the Library.
 2. To determine a list of Foundations which give to Library's and Library Programs and determine grant application process and deadlines by May 31, 2010.
 - a. Foundations want to use their funds to make a difference.
 - b. Foundations have a mission, and it isn't just to give away money.
 - c. We have to find foundations whose mission matches our services.
 3. To develop programs which will require the build out of unfinished spaces in the library by May 15, 2010
 - a. Identify community problems that can be solved with library services.
 - b. What are your community's top issues?
 - i. The funding from our grant requests will answer compelling problems that exists in the community.
 - ii. Examples: Unemployment, excessive debt, no safe place for teens, digital divide.
 - c. Partner with Community Organizations to develop these programs if necessary.
 - d. Examples of Solutions
 - i. Technology Center
 - ii. Teen Library/Media Learning Center
 - iii. Adult Computer Literacy Program
 - iv. English Learner Program
 4. To apply for grants to fund the programs and capital expenses needed throughout the year as meeting grant deadlines.
 - a. Prioritize Grants to apply for.
 - b. Create a timeline for grant application deadlines.
 5. To ask a number of well-know philanthropist to contribute to our Capital Campaign throughout the year.

Resources

- **Grants.gov**, Federal Gov't Grants
- **<http://www.cfda.gov>** The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, searchable full-text on the Web is the primary source of information on federal grants and nonfinancial assistance programs
- FirstGov for Nonprofits, **<http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml#grants>** portal for nonprofit organizations to information about federal grants, loans, and other assistance.
- Foundation Center **<http://www.foundationcenter.org>** This gateway presents information about the grant seeking process, private funding sources (including national, state, community, and corporate foundations), guidelines on writing a grants proposal, addresses of state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.
- **<http://www.technologygrantnews.com/grant-index-by-type/library-grants-funding.html>**
- **<http://www.ims.gov>** Institution of Museums and Libraries
- **http://e-services.ims.gov/project_planning**

Additional Development Considerations

Solicitation of Local Businesses/Corporations
Requesting additional town funding.