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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

**Bethel Public Library Board of Directors Development Committee
Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 2:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Jim Forman, with notice.

Volunteers: Debbie Smith and Hoskins Smith

Call to Order: Trisha Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.

Public Input: Library Board Chair, Jane Bickford, read a letter from Praxair pledging \$35,000 to the Capital Campaign. Praxair was solicited by previous Board members Leslie Mason and Lorraine Go.

Approval of Minutes: Not having a quorum of members present from the April 21st meeting, a motion to table the Minutes was made by Ms. Rotella and seconded by Mr. Merritt. Motion carried.

Pansy Sale

Ms. Rosato distributed a draft summary report of the Bethel Blooms Pansy Sale to the Committee. The report recorded sales as of April 27, with the expectation that additional sales will be made in the coming week. After expenses of \$322.45, the net sales to date were \$607.55. It was noted that proceeds were lower this year than last for a number of reasons. Fewer items were purchased to sell this year as Bethel Blooms was held a week later than last year, and nurseries had reported that their supplies of pansies were limited as pansy sales to regular customers were earlier than usual due to an early spring. Also, the Board did not solicit local businesses this year for raffle prizes. Everyone agreed that the Bethel Blooms festival itself had low attendance. A final sales report will be distributed at the May Board meeting.

The pansy flats and herb gardens will be reduced to ½ price on Wednesday.

Wine Tasting

Committee members will ask local restaurants to contribute cheeses and hors d'oeuvres for the event.

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Ms. Bickford will design a program for the evening. Ms. Hoskins Smith suggested having bottles of wine donated for raffles. The South Street Firehouse was suggested as a possible venue. Mrs. Lewis will call First Selectman Knickerbocker's office to inquire about permits and permission. Mrs. Lewis will make arrangements to view the Firehouse, after its completion, with Mrs. Adams and Ms. Rosato.

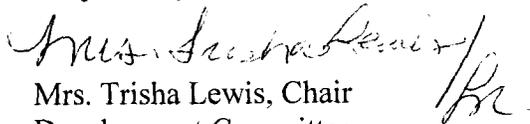
Connecticut Film Festival Evening

Mr. Merritt reported there is coverage of the event on TV, radio and in local newspapers. Hilda DeLucia will be contacted and asked if teens would volunteer to collect tickets at the event. Ms. Bickford will contact Mr. Forman about student volunteers from WestConn. Ms. Rosato will create a program to be handed out at the event. Ms. Debbie Smith spoke with Donna Christopher at the *News Times* regarding the cake decorating contest. It will be announced in Thursday's paper. Attendees at the movie will vote for their favorite "Shakespeare Cake" and the winner will receive a blue ribbon winner certificate. The Committee will meet next week to finalize plans.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn at 3:51 P.M. was made by Ms. Rotella and seconded by Mr. Merritt.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Mrs. Trisha Lewis, Chair
Development Committee