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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, March 28, 2011—7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room B

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PRESENT: Jane Bickford, Chairman; Tom Addonizio, Eileen Freebairn, Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Mary O'Leary, Terri Rotella, Mary Spain, Shani Burke Specht, Elisa Volpati, Directors, and Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

Elisa Volpati arrived at 7:06 pm. Terri Rotella arrived at 7:08 pm.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Robin Kahn, Director.

VISITORS: Linda Curtis, Friends of the Library

Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and led all the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Bickford reported on a letter received from Marty Lawlor re: Von Bank estate. Chairman Bickford reported on possible donation of a piano to the library. Shani Burke Specht moved to add discussion of the piano donation to the meeting agenda; motion seconded by Eileen Freebairn. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011, MEETING MINUTES: Mary O'Leary moved to accept the minutes as submitted; motion seconded by Richard Merritt. Voting "yes": Tom Addonizio, Eileen Freebairn, Dorathea Gulya-Stasny, Richard Merritt, Mary O'Leary, Mary Spain, Shani Burke Specht, Abstain: Trisha Lewis.

Terri Rotella entered the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eileen Freebairn distributed the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. Dorathea Gulya-Stasny moved to accept the report as submitted; motion seconded by Trisha Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting. Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the newsletter and of the revised expenditure report. Discussion of C-Card reciprocal borrowing and the C-Car delivery system, and potential cuts in state funding.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Discussion of March 29 budget hearing, FOL advocacy for restoration of Library funds. FOL general meeting will be April 14 at 7:00 p.m.; Jerry Brooker will be the speaker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Mary Spain reported that the Scholarship Committee met on March 11. The current application will continue to be used. Applications were distributed to Immaculate, Wooster, Abbott Tech and Bethel high schools. The committee will meet on April 29 to review applications received.

Policy Committee: Trisha Lewis reported on proposed policy for e-book readers. Discussion.

Development Committee: Trisha Lewis reported on the upcoming Pansy Sale/Bethel Blooms. Rich Merritt agreed to coordinate the teen volunteers for the sale. The focus of the Committee this year will be on obtaining grants. Discussion. Shani Buke Specht moved to encumber \$2,500 for the 2011 annual Development Committee budget, to be used at the discretion of the Development Committee, for fundraising activities. Motion seconded by Terri Rotella. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bickford noted the importance of having all Board members participate as donors to the capital campaign.

Building Project Update: Chairman Bickford and Library Director Rosato reported on status of the project. The Public Site and Building Commission (PS&BC) has completed interviews and the evaluation process with the architectural firms. That information has been submitted to and approved by DECD. The recommendation from PS&BC can now go to the Board of Selectmen for approval and the contract negotiation process can begin. PS&BC is also working on an RFP for a construction manager.

Public Hearing—Budget FY11-12: Chairman Bickford reported that the Public Hearing will be March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel High School. Discussion.

Bibliomation Migration Schedule: Discussion of staff training and library hours during period of migration from Horizon to Evergreen. Eileen Freebairn moved to close the library May 24, May 28 and until noon on May 31. Motion seconded by Richard Merritt. Voting "yes": Tom Addonizio, Eileen Freebairn, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Mary O'Leary, Terri Rotella, Mary Spain, Elisa Volpati. Voting "no": Shani Burke Specht and Dorathea Gulya Stasny. Motion passed.

Piano Donation: Discussion of offer of Knabe grand piano, and the cost to move it. Shani Burke Specht made a motion to accept the gift of a grand piano from Richard Zielinski. Motion seconded by Terri Rotella. Motion passed unanimously. Shani Burke Specht made a motion to encumber an amount not to exceed \$820 from the Library Board account to move the piano; motion seconded by Terri Rotella. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Merritt moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Terri Rotella. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bickford adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Forsyth
Recording Secretary

Reports referred to in the minutes are on file at the Bethel Public Library.