



BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors

Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Morse Conference Room, 2nd Floor

PRESENT: Chairman Ted Stevenson, Robin Kahn, Linda Curtis, Richard Merritt, Lisa Johnson, Tia Murphy (arrived 6:15), Mary O'Leary, Mary Spain, Judy Schlemmer, Robin Grubard, Robert Zupperoli (arrived 6:25) and Library Director Lynn Rosato.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: None.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE: Terri Rotella.

In the Chair's absence, Board member Richard Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Welcome to new Board member Judy Schlemmer and to all reappointed members.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Linda Curtis moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular meeting. Robin Grubard seconded the motion. The motion passed; Judy Schlemmer abstained. Mary O'Leary moved to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2015 special meeting. Linda Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed; Judy Schlemmer abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ted Stevenson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for December as presented. Mary O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed; Judy Schlemmer abstained.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Rosato shared two comments from patrons who praised the Library and staff for the good work they do. Ms. Rosato discussed a proposal from Bethel Arts for a sculpture display to be held on the Library lawn this spring, the art exhibits that will be held in the new second floor art gallery and coordinated through Cultural Alliance in Danbury, the Barnum Collection and how it will be displayed, and the status of the wing back chairs from the Reading Area that are being reupholstered. Director Rosato handed out copies of the Library's budget

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proposal as submitted for FY 2016-17. Ms. Rosato asked Board members to review and update as needed their contact information.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis reported on the successful annual meeting that was held by the Friends last week, and encouraged all Board members to renew or become members of the Friends to help support the Library.

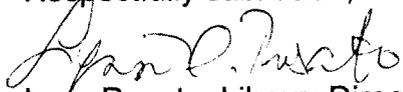
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The donation to be received to help defray costs for exhibiting the Barnum Collection was discussed. The reception to be held for Boards of Selectmen and Finance and other Town officials was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Committee Reports: Nominating Committee:** Lisa Johnson presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers for 2016: Ted Stevenson, Chair; Lisa Johnson, Vice Chair; Tia Murphy, Treasurer; and Robin Kahn, Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Budget FY 2016-17:** The proposed budget request for FY 2016-17 was discussed. All are encourage to attend the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting when the budget will be presented. Director Rosato will notifying the Board of the date for the meeting when it is known.
- **Banking Resolution:** Chair Stevenson reminded the newly elected officers to go to Newtown Savings Bank to sign the paperwork that will enable them to sign checks for the Library Board.
- **Committee Appointments:** Chair Stevenson will contact Board members about the committee appointments.

Robert Zupperoli moved to adjourn the meeting. Tia Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Rosato, Library Director