



BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors

Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Morse Conference Room, 2nd Floor

PRESENT: Chairman Ted Stevenson, Robin Kahn, Linda Curtis, Richard Merritt, Mary O'Leary, Mary Spain, Judy Schlemmer, Robin Grubard and Library Director Lynn Rosato.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Tia Murphy and Lisa Johnson.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE: Robert Zupperoli and Terri Rotella.

VISITOR: Justin Hurgin, Bethel Arts.

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Rosato received a note from Bruce Cornwell, chairman of the Board of Finance, thanking the Library for hosting a recent reception.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: Richard Merritt moved to table approval of the minutes. Mary O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Merritt moved to accept the Treasurer's report for January as presented. Linda Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Rosato will be attending a reception for the Bethel High School Community Partnership Program on March 17th. The Board of Selectmen will be meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in meeting room A. Capital plans for all Town departments will be reviewed. Board members were encouraged to attend. The Board of Finance will hold its first meeting at which it will make adjustments to the budget on February 29th at a place and time to be determined.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Linda Curtis asked that Board members encourage Library patrons to join the Friends and suggested that patrons should be reminded that the programs they attend are sponsored by the Friends.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Bethel Arts Presentation:** Justin Hurgin, Chair Bethel Arts, made a presentation regarding a proposed year-long sculpture exhibit which will be installed at various locations around Town. He requested permission to have several of the sculptures installed on the Library's grounds. The installation will be at no cost to the Library. After discussion, Mary O'Leary moved to accept the Bethel Arts proposal. Richard Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Report: Scholarship Committee:** Mary Spain presented the Scholarship Committee's proposed revisions to the scholarship evaluation form. Mary Spain made a Committee motion to approve the revisions to the form. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Advocacy Program:** Chairman Stevenson proposed several ways in which organizations and members of the public can be introduced to the Library. Director Rosato distributed an outline with many more suggestions. The advocacy program will be discussed at future Board meetings and Chairman Stevenson is considering charging the Planning Committee with the implementation of the program. Director Rosato will email the plan to Board members for input.
- **Fairfield County Giving Day:** The Board discussed the on-line fund raiser which will be held on March 10th. Board members were encouraged to donate on that day and to ask their friends, family and acquaintances to do so, as well.
- Robin Kahn announced that Board member Mary O'Leary will be honored at the Democratic Town Committee's annual dinner on April 9th at the Portuguese Cultural Center. Mary will receive the Shannon Award for Public Service.

Robin Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Kahn
Robin A. Kahn, Secretary