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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 25, 2013—7:00 p.m.

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Meeting Room B, Bethel CT

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**PRESENT:** Jane Bickford, Chairman; Linda Curtis, Robin Kahn, Carol Lawlor, Richard Merritt, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Terri Rotella [entered 7:02 p.m.], Mary Spain, Directors.

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Lisa Johnson, Trisha Lewis, Directors; Lynn Rosato, Library Director.

Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Bickford reported that Trisha Lewis has resigned with regret from the Board.

[Terri Rotella entered the meeting.]

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013, MEETING MINUTES:** Gary Passineau moved to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2013, meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Linda Curtis. Voting "aye": Linda Curtis, Carol Lawlor, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Gary Passineau, Terri Rotella. Abstain: Robin Kahn, Richard Merritt, Mary Spain.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tia Murphy distributed the report prior to the meeting. Discussion. Mary O'Leary moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion seconded by Richard Merritt. Motion passed unanimously.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Library Director Rosato distributed copies of the report prior to the meeting.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Linda Curtis reported that Wednesday night book collections and sorting are ongoing; she thanked Robin Kahn for volunteering her time. Linda Curtis also reported the receipt of a check for \$250 from Central Package Liquor Store which was a share of the proceeds from wine sales associated with the Library's Wine Tasting Event last September.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Committee Appointments:** Chairman Bickford reviewed the revised list, which was distributed by Library Director Rosato prior to the meeting. The list will be finalized for the next meeting.

**Building Project Update:** Chairman Bickford reported that the project proceeds on time and on budget. Discussion. Tia Murphy suggested that the Board start thinking about grand opening event ideas.

**Budget Presentation:** Chairman Bickford reported that the presentation went well, and thanked the Board members who attended. Mary Spain thanked Chairman Bickford and Library Director Rosato for their work on the budget presentation.

**Board Goals 2013-14:** Chairman Bickford identified near term goals of opening the new library building and holding special receptions/events, and pointed out the need to plan for long term goals regarding the use of the new building spaces and the Library's future role in the community. Extensive discussion of other goals, including a new community survey, expanded community outreach by Board members, and increased library presence in the community. The Executive Committee will meet to formalize the goals as discussed. The Planning Committee will incorporate the goals into a new long-range plan. .

Terri Rotella moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Passineau. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Forsyth  
Recording Secretary

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