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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

**Bethel Public Library Board of Directors Development Committee
Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 2:00 P.M.**

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Present: Jim Forman, Richard Merritt, Terri Rotella, Lynn Rosato, Library Director and Jane Bickford, Library Board Chair
Volunteers: Debbie Smith

Absent: Trisha Lewis, with notice

Call to Order: Jane Bickford, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

Public Input: Debbie Smith expressed her excitement about the proposed wine tasting event.

Approval of Minutes: Do to the change in committee members, there will not be a quorum of those present at the November 4, 2009 meeting. Therefore, the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Having no changes to the Minutes, a motion was made by Terri Rotella to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2010, seconded by Rich Merritt. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Fund Raising Events 2010: Reports by Committee members

(1) Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

Terri Rotella reported on a possible Wine Tasting fund raiser to be held in September in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce downtown event, and the Bethel Historical Society's Barnum celebration. Lynn Rosato reported the date has been changed from the 18th and 19th to the weekend of September 25th and 26th. Committee members will need to verify the availability of vendors and venue for September 25th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Library Board would need to obtain a one-day liquor permit, a process we have done before. Seven to ten wine vendors would be invited to participate, and the Board would receive a percentage of wine sales made at the event. The Committee discussed a possible ticket price of \$25 per person, as well as the desirability of a Program Book covering all the weekend activities, done in conjunction with the Historical Society, the Friends, and the Chamber. Lynn Rosato noted that September 23rd is Maria Parloa's birthday so it would be appropriate to include Founder's Day as part of the weekend celebrations. It was suggested that Founder's Day become an annual event,

possibly paired with a wine tasting if that event proves successful. There was discussion of finding a sponsor for the wine tasting event to cover expenses.

Terri Rotella left the meeting at 2:50 pm. As there was no longer a quorum present, the motion was made, with unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane Bickford
Acting Committee Chair