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Meeting Minutes
BPL Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting
Monday 04/26/2021 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Chairman Mary O'Leary, Tia Murphy, Judith Schlemmer, Robin Kahn, Connie Kauffman, Linda Curtis, Robin Grubard, Sue Morton, Chris Sell, Terri Rotella (joined at 6:44), FOL President Jan Patzold and Library Director Megan Dean.

Absent without notice: Mary Spain & Ted Stevenson

Call to order: Chair Mary O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF March 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES: Chair O'Leary asked if the members had read the minutes, and if there were any questions Judy Schlemmer corrected a typing error in previous minutes to add "working with the Library Board" to be added. Chair O'Leary asked for a motion to approve the corrected March 22 meeting minutes. Connie Kaufman made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting and Judy Schlemmer 2nd. All in favor. motion passed; Chris Sell abstained.

TREASURER REPORTS: Treasurer Murphy asked if the members read the Treasurer Reports and if any member had a question. No questions, so Treasurer Murphy asked for a motion to approve Robin Kahn made a motion to accept the Treasurers' report and Judy Schlemmer 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.

FRIENDS OF THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY: FOL Chair Jan Patzold Friends reported that plans to reopen the Book Cellar are being discussed. May is Friends of the Bethel Library month at Big Y. Buy a reusable bag and Big Y will donate \$1 to the Friends.

LBOD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chair O'Leary mentioned that the Town budget passed and thanked all who voted.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: Library Director Megan Dean stated Evergreen will now allow libraries to establish auto renewals and Bethel plans to participate in this new service in the coming months. AARP Tax Assistance Program helped 71 people. AARP Grant Update, project is moving forward. An ARPA grant application will move forward. A new Storywalk has been completed. Continue progress is being made on the expansion of external use of property. Reopening of the Library is planned for May 10th. A motion was

made to allow the Library to close on Friday May 7th to rearrange the interior for the May 10th opening. Connie Kaufman made the motion, Robin Grubard 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICY: Chair Robin Kahn reviewed the proposed policy revisions. The Board will vote on these at the May meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP: Chair Judy Schlemmer reported that the committee did meet and are planning to meet again with a report to be presented at the May meeting.

DEVELOPMENT: Chair Robin Grubard reported that the committee did meet and are planning to meet again with a report to be presented at the May meeting.

FRIENDSHIP BENCH: Director Dean reported that she has meet with Parks and Recreation to review placement. It was recommended that the bench be placed in the grassy area at the back of the parking lot. Park and Recreation will clear the spot and prepare it for placement. Terri Rotella made a motion to accept the bench and the recommended placement by Parks and Rec. Robin Grubard 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

RFID SYSTEM: Was tabled till next month. Director Dean will send out videos so the Board can familiarize themselves with the system before next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair O'Leary asked for a motion to adjourn. Terri Rotella moved to adjourn. Connie Kaufman 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. Chair O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Morton
Secretary