



# Bethel Public Library

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Meeting Minutes  
BPL Board of Directors  
In Person and Virtual Meeting  
Monday 08/23/2021 at 6:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mary O'Leary Tia Murphy, Judith Schlemmer joined at 6:18, Robin Kahn, Vice Chair Connie Kauffman, Linda Curtis, Robin Grubard, Terri Rotella, Chris Sell, Mary Spain, Ted Stevenson, Sue Morton, FOL President Jan Patzold and Head of Technology and Reference Thomas Borysiewicz.

**Absent:**

**Call to order:** Chairman Mary O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF July 26, 2021, MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Mary O'Leary asked if the members had read the minutes, and if there were any questions Chairman Mary O'Leary asked for a motion to approve July 26 meeting minutes. Terri Rotella made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 26 meeting and Robin Grubard 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed. Sue Morton, Robin Kahn and 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 Ted Stevenson made a motion to accept the Treasurers' report and Linda Curtis 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, Motion passed. Treasurer Murphy explained that there is a slight lag in the spending report because of billing and reimbursement lags.

**FRIENDS OF THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY:** FOL President Jan Patzold reported that physical donations will be accepted on Wednesdays 10-3 and Saturday 11-3 in the Book Cellar. There will be a quarterly newsletter published at the end of September along with a membership drive for the Friends. The board members will get copies of both. FOL President Jan Patzold stated that the Friends will be providing a breakfast for the staff of the library to thank them for all they have provided during this Pandemic. Chairman Mary O'Leary and the board thanked the Friends for providing this great event.

**LBOD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman Mary O'Leary thanked Head of Technology and Reference Thomas Borysiewicz for joining the board for this meeting. She mentioned the new lighting throughout the library and the AARP Grant benches that were installed which Tom will expand on in his report. She also thanked the library staff for their outstanding work with the summer programs.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE:** Head of Technology and Reference Thomas Borysiewicz presented the report in the absence of Library Director Megan Dean who is on vacation. He started with a hiring update stating that good candidates have applied to the position Senior Library Assistant, Technology and Programming. The process of filling the Library Assistant Position is in the beginning stages.

He stated that the AARP Livable Communities Grant Picnic tables have all been installed with the help of the Bethel Park and Recreation Department of the Town of Bethel Staff and is completely wrapped up. He then presented the video that was made in connection to this grant.

The library lighting upgrade with LED lights has mostly been completed bringing the building in line with all town building in efficiency and power savings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Mary O'Leary asked for a motion to adjourn. Robin Grubard moved to adjourn. Tia Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion passed. Chairman Mary O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Morton  
Secretary