

**Bentley Memorial Library Board  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT.**

Present at the special meeting were Chair Rebecca Holliman and board members Kelly Goldsnider, Loni Hryn, Dot Neil, Brook Nowak, Dorothy Rose and Library Director, Liz Thornton.

Ms. Holliman called the regular meeting to order at 4:00PM.

**1. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting March 10, 2015:**

A motion was made by Ms. Goldsnider, seconded by Ms. Holliman to approve the minutes as presented.

**2. Correspondence:**

**A. Suggestion/Comment Box:** Two comments received:

“Best Library ever. Do everything the same. You are doing great.”

“Seems like there’s no attempt to keep Library quiet, loud conversations are the norm.”

**B. Thank you cards:** The following thank you cards were received: Sooty and Elease McConnell of Allan’s Angel Therapy Dog for their visit to the library, John Valeri, book discussion leader for the last six months for the honorarium and Miriam of Books to Dreams for the continued support and donations.

**3. Director’s Report:**

Ms. Thornton distributed March 2015 Statistical Reports to board members. In memory of Eleanor Preuss, three books were purchased with a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fiano. The titles of the three books are *Images of American – Columbia*, *Country Living Cottage Style* and *Good Morning Loon*.

**4. Old Business:**

**A. State Library Budget Update:**

Ms. Thornton updated the board on impact of budget cuts proposed at the state level and what it means. It is proposed to change state statues that allow valuable library programs to exist as well as cutting grants. Library patrons would not be able to borrow books from libraries outside their hometown libraries. CLC will not be able to save taxpayer dollars by coordinating statewide purchasing contracts for books and services. It is also proposed to cancel money for CEN line for town and libraries free internet access.

**B. Program Update:** Ms. Thornton shared Anna the llama from Country Quilt Llama Farm in Cornwall was a huge success. Attendance was beyond capacity. Roughly ninety people attended the program, many senior citizens with their grandchildren over April vacation. Guests learned about llamas, how they are cared for and how they are used by people. JI took beautiful pictures. The Raptors Program was also a great hit, with forty-five attendees. The special visitors for this program included a barn owl, red tailed hawk,

American kestrel and a peregrine falcon. These are all injured birds that cannot be released back into the wild. Patrons were turned away due to space issues. Upcoming programs in May include: May 2, 2015 Come Read to the Dogs: Allan's Angels Therapy Dogs will visit the library from 10:30 to 11:30am. May 9, 2015 Come Meet Trace the Police Dog: Come meet Trace and his handler Bridgeport K9 Officer Mark Martocchio and trainer Erich Grasso. They will demonstrate the training that goes into being a K9 officer. Mr. Grasso will be wearing his bite suit and simulating the apprehension of a suspect. There will be a demonstration of obedience training. Trace also recently completed a 7 week program on searching for 7 different types of illegal drugs and will demonstrate his new abilities. This program is organized by Marissa Gudauskas as a part of her Bolton High School senior project.

## **5. New Business:**

**A. Postpone May Meeting Date:** A motion was made by Ms. Neil seconded by Ms. Hryn to change May's meeting date to May 19, 2015 at 4pm.

### **B. ReQuest:**

Ms. Thornton informed the library board at the Bibliomation Board of Director's Meeting it was announced State Librarian Ken Wiggin was disappointed with ReQuest and all card catalogues combined under ReQuest will shut down on June 30, 2015. An email from Carl Demilia of Bibliomation stated the following: *Mr. Wiggin was looking for an Open Source solution which would offer new opportunities in providing these services to Connecticut's libraries. Bibliomation is Connecticut's largest consortium and has extensive experience with Open Source. The Connecticut State Library is partnering with Bibliomation to implement a new state wide union catalog and inter-library loan system by fall 2015. More information will be provided in the coming weeks and months as this project moves forward.*

### **C. Family Fun Day:**

Ms. Thornton was asked by Jan Carlo if she was interested in having a table at Family Fun Day. Ms. Nowak offered to man the table along with her son Max.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Goldsnider, seconded by Ms. Neil to adjourn the meeting at 5:05PM.

The next meeting is May 19, 2015 at 4:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Goldsnider  
Bentley Memorial Library Board Secretary

Please refer to minutes of subsequent meeting for any addition or correction to these minutes.

