

**Bentley Memorial Library Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2012
206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton CT.**

Present at a Regular Meeting of the Bentley Memorial Library Board were Chair Rebecca Holliman and board members Kelly Goldsnider, Dot Neil, Brook Nowak, Dorothy Rose, and Library Director, Liz Thornton.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 12, 2012. A motion was made by Ms. Nowak seconded by Ms. Neil to accept the minutes as presented.

Minutes of the Special Meeting July 11, 2012. A motion was made by Ms. Neil seconded by Ms. Holliman to accept the minutes as presented.

Director's Report

Ms. Thornton distributed Statistical Reports for June and July 2012 and Library Budget for 2012-2013. Ms. Thornton gave each board member a *Connecticut Public Library Trustee Manual* and *Working Together: Roles and Responsibilities Guidelines* from The Association of Connecticut Library Boards.

Correspondence:

Ms. Thornton received a thank you note from Ms. Rose.

Old Business:

Ms. Thornton informed the board that all items ordered were received and patrons are happy with everything. The electric movie screen with remote was installed, a new portable DVD player arrived and is working out nicely. The new computers are being utilized.

Mr. Bruce Ralston will supply signs on the end panel. Ms. Nowak thanked Ms. Thornton for continuing to save the Connecticut State Grant money to purchase something that really made an impact – the end panels with slat wall. Ms. Thornton is looking into different display options for the end panels.

New Business:

Ms. Thornton reported additional *Great Courses* DVDs were ordered with gift money received from Sam and Joan Teller. Ms. Thornton informed board Karen Bychowski wanted to do something special for the library, Friends of the Library are paying for the plants and Ms. Bychowski will plant them. A Girl Scout project supplied Bentley Memorial Library with new AED stickers for the doors.

Ms. Thornton informed the board that the concerts held at the town green are a real problem. She is very concerned about safety issues, unsupervised children, and the limited amount of parking spaces available to patrons. Ms. Thornton reported the issues to a Trooper and reminded Tracy Verrastro and Joyce Stille of her concerns.

Library Programs:**OBOR – Caleb’s Crossing**

A special book discussion of “Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks will take place at Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Susan Topping, Professor at Three Rivers Community College, will be the discussion facilitator. Ms. Thornton informed the board that there were 25 people signed up for the discussion.

Black Bear Program:

On September 27, 2012 from 6:30 until 8:00 PM, The Bolton Wildlife Advocacy Group will sponsor a presentation by Felicia Ortner, Master Wildlife Conservationist on "Black Bears in Connecticut". Ms. Ortner will be bringing “bio-props” for a hands-on opportunity to learn more about black bears.

Ms. Thornton informed the board that there were 40 students who attended the annual back to school program featuring a school bus ride, school stories, snack and special gift. This program was held on Tuesday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Bentley Memorial Library.

Adjournment. A motion was made by Ms. Nowak, seconded by Ms. Goldsnider to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion unanimously passed.

The next meeting date is at 4:30pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Bentley Memorial Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Goldsnider
Secretary, Bentley Memorial Library Board