

**Bethany Library Association (BLA) Clark Memorial Library (CML) -- Library Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:**

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| Gayle Bogel (Library Director) | Susan Hartnett |
| Betsy Thornquist (President)   | Mark Hawes     |
| Sheila Lane (Treasurer)        | Helen Hawes    |
| Calico Harington (Secretary)   | Nancy Seaton   |
| Meghan Gallagher               | Kathy Zollo    |

**ABSENT:** Jenny Turner (Vice President), John Pellicano

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Betsy Thornquist, President**

**Action Item 1: Garden Plan Presentation – Nancy Seaton**

Nancy presented different plans for the Pollinator Pathway in conjunction with the brick walkway, using local native wildflowers and pollinating plants. The design would be more formal near the building, transitioning to a natural landscape. The current reading garden plantings can be expanded and moved to the edge of the open space. New seating can be decided on later.

If bricks will be subbed in, there should be no mortar laying. The bricks should be dry laid with a metal edge.

**Action Item 2: Approval of garden design/ brick installation**

Sheila moved to approve the brick terrace design, Marked seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed; none abstained.

Susan moved to approve the placement of the pollinator pathway along the side and front of the building and the relocation of the reading garden, Sheila seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed; none abstained.

**Action Item 3: Approval for Friends to sell and/or reprint *Bethany's Old Houses and Community Buildings***

The library has 17 copies on hand of the 1972 publication *Bethany's Old Houses and Community Buildings*, by Alice Bice Bunton. It features 94 historic Bethany houses. The Friends of the Library would like to offer these books for sale. They are in excellent condition. If demand is high, the book could possibly be reprinted. Family approval may be necessary.

Betsy moved to approve the sale and/or reprinting of the book *Bethany's Old Houses and Community Buildings*, by Alice Bice Bunton. Helen seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed; none abstained.

#### **Action Item 4: Grant Update**

The Governance Committee met to discuss the nondiscrimination policy and ethics. Gayle is checking to see if a liability rider is needed. The task force has been established. There will be a socially distanced meeting at 2:30 on Friday, March 26 to review the floorplan and walk through the library.

#### **Action Item 5: Development Committee Update**

Tax Letter - A combination tax letter/thank you letter will be sent out. A mail merge is being set up.

Legacy Society - Susan has agreed to spearhead the launch in September.

#### **Action Item 6: Rid Litter Day April 19**

Rid Litter Day is an important part of the library's participation in Sustainable Connecticut. The library's role is to publicize and provide a spot to collect donations. We will run a notice in the Bethany Bulletin.

#### **Action Item 7: Discussion - Reopening Plans**

The library will likely reopen in April, following further discussion and approval at the March board meeting. The library has been ready to reopen since November.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

1. January minutes, as amended.
2. Director's Report

Susan moved to accept the consent agenda, Mark seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed; none abstained.

#### **New Business:**

- Donor recognition event tentatively planned for outdoors in June.
- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on 03/23/21.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.** Sheila moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Calico Harington