

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on January 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Library for its regular Board meeting.

Board Members Present: President Kathleen Cook, Vice President Patrick Rouse, Secretary/Treasurer Martin Gilbert, Mabel Allen, David DiGregorio, Martha Kerge, Soon Juhng and Arthur Peck.
Absent: Kenneth Altman

Staff present: Library Director Gina Webb-Metz and Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Connolly.

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Webb-Metz reported that notices of the meeting had been posted and sent to the media.

Minutes

Board members approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 10, 2012.
Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by: Dr. Peck. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Gilbert reviewed with the Board the Library's cumulative financial statements through December, 2012. He noted that he had examined and approved the statements and reported that they were current and accurate.

Oath of Office –

Mrs. Kathleen Cook took the Oath of Office as a reinstated member of the Library Board. Administered by Notary Public Agnes Kolben.

The election of Board officers for 2013 was held. The following were nominated:

President – Mrs. Kathleen Cook (moved by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Dr. Gilbert). Elected unanimously.

Vice President – Mr. Patrick Rouse (moved by Mrs. Cook, Seconded by Dr. Peck). Elected unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer – Mrs. Soon Juhng (moved by Dr. Gilbert, Seconded by Mrs. Allen). Elected unanimously.

BCCLS Certification of Agreement

The Board discussed and agreed that the Tenafly Public Library was in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Bergen County Cooperative System Certification of Agreement. Dr. Peck moved to sign the Agreement and Kathleen Cook seconded the motion. Board President Kathleen Cook and Library Director Gina Webb-Metz signed the BCCLS Certification of Agreement.

Correspondence

Marcia D. Gladstone of Laramie, Wyoming donated \$50.00 on December 17, 2012 in memory of Ruth Mayhew Bower, a longtime Tenafly resident.

In a letter dated December 30, 2012, Mark P. Kessler and Phyllis R. Perskie-Kessler thanked the Library for all the services it provides and enclosed a donation of \$100.

Ms. Webb-Metz will attend a meeting scheduled by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office regarding Megan's Law and Tier III Notification. Recommended procedures will be shared with the appropriate Library staff.

Director's Report

There have been several problems with the Polaris Integrated Library System that went into effect on 12-12-12. On Friday, January 11, the entire system shut down and did not come online again until Saturday morning. Staff members are becoming more comfortable with the new system and patrons are adapting to the new rules.

Board members were asked to attend the art exhibit opening and Chinese New Year Celebration in the Edna Kawulitzki Room on Sunday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. Many schools and organizations will be presenting performances and demonstrations: Bergen Chinese School - Chinese Cultural Activities, Chinese Community Center of New Jersey Youth Group - Lion Dance, Chinese Wing Chun Kong Fu with Chun Liu, King Lai Dance Studio - Folk Dance, New Jersey Tai Chi Association.

Several lecture demonstrations and hands on training sessions for the new Polaris Public Access Catalog System have been scheduled for January. These sessions will be conducted by the TPL librarians.

The Board contract negotiations committee agreed to meet to discuss the employee union contract with OPEIU Local 32 on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 29.

After discussion, the Board approved of having a book sale in the McCandless Room on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 20, 21 and 22, 2013.

President's Report

Mrs. Cook discussed with Board members the article in the Northern Valley Suburbanite of January 10, 2013 titled "Storm shows greater need for library as a safe haven." Due to lack of power from Hurricane Sandy, the Library was unable to offer any services from October 29 until November 2. When power was restored on November 3, employees volunteered to come in which enabled the Library to extended hours that Sunday after the storm to provide the community with much needed services. The generator installed for Borough Hall provides back up power to the Police Department and the Fire Department in addition to the main hall. There is not sufficient power for the Library. It was suggested by the Borough Administrator that the Library purchase at a cost of \$250,000 a generator the same capacity as the Borough's that would provide back up to the Library, the McCandless Room and the Teen Center.

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

Councilwoman Martha Kerge, library board liaison, reported that she was disappointed with the Borough Administrator's response in the Northern Valley Suburbanite article of 1-10-13. At a previous Council meeting she had questioned the Mayor and Council on the feasibility of providing a generator to the Library to provide a gathering space for the community. She will re-address the community need for this service at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Kerge advised that when speaking with the Mayor before the Board meeting, he expressed his appreciation to the Library Board and Library Director and staff for the efficient and organized way the Library operated.

New Business

None

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

David DiGregorio questioned Ms. Webb-Metz about the behavior of the students at the Library. She reported that in general they were well-behaved and there were no significant problems at the present time.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None

Adjournment

Ms. Cook moved to adjourn the meeting 8:15 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss upcoming contract negotiations. Seconded by: Dr. Peck. Unanimously approved.

The Board returned from the closed session at 8:33 pm.

Patrick Rouse moved to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2012 closed meeting. Seconded by Dr. Peck and unanimously accepted.

Open session was closed at 8:35 pm. Moved by: Mrs. Cook, Seconded by: Dr. Gilbert and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, February 11, 2013

Approved: February 11, 2013