

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on February 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Library for its regular Board meeting.

Board Members Present: President Patrick Rouse, Vice President Kathleen Cook, Secretary/Treasurer Soon Juhng, David DiGregorio and Martin Gilbert.

Absent: Mabel Allen, Kenneth Altman, Martha Kerge and Arthur Peck.

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

Mr. Rouse called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. 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 January 13, 2014 meeting.

Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by: Mrs. Cook. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Gilbert reviewed with the Board the Library's 2013 cumulative financial statements through February 10, 2014. He noted that he had examined and approved the statements and reported that they were current and accurate.

Oath of Office – New Board Members

David DiGregorio, who was appointed by School Superintendent Lynn Trager for a one-year term as her alternate, took the Oath of Office.

Correspondence

None

Director's Report

Ms. Webb-Metz will attend the Tenafly Borough budget hearing meeting on Saturday February 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Several member of the Friends of the Tenafly Public Library will be present at the March 10, 2014 Library Board meeting for a meet and greet.

On February 19, 2014 the Tenafly Library will host a meeting with members of the Friends of the Bergenfield, Cresskill, Englewood, Hasbrouck Heights and Paramus Libraries for an informal exchange of ideas.

The Friends of the Tenafly Library are sponsoring the "Homegrown String Band" concert on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Edna Kawulitzki Gallery.

Mr. Rouse and Dr. Gilbert signed up to attend the BCCLS sponsored meeting "You Don't Read a Mission Statement. You Live It!" being held at the Closter Public Library on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Because the Library had been experiencing a substantial amount of internet downtime, Cablevision recently rewired the whole building, and we have been enjoying continuous uninterrupted service. Unfortunately, today the system was down for several hours due to a problem with the BCCLS network.

Head of Maintenance, Joseph Rossi, is working with Advanced Security Systems to correct the problem with the circulation desk silent panic button not connecting to the Police Department desk.

The building security system, which is audible in the Library when activated, is also not connected to the Police Department desk.

The heating in the toddler room of the Children's Department has improved and the Maintenance Department is still working with the service provider, Trane, to further improve the airflow.

Mrs. Kerge recently informed Ms. Webb-Metz that \$200,000 dollars has been allocated for generators for the municipal complex and that the Library and McCandless Room are planned as part of the mix. Although the Library will probably not have full coverage, we should be able to have some heat/air conditioning, lights and limited computer use.

The Annual Report to the Mayor and Council was distributed on Friday, January 31, 2014 and the Borough Newsletter for February 2014 included Alice Rigney's Friends of the Tenafly Library exhibit opening on Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

President's Report

None

Old Business

Garden Project Update – Dr. Gilbert reported that he is still working on getting estimates from Camberly Gardens and Precision Landscaping. Due to weather conditions, several appointments had to be cancelled.

New Business

None

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

None

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

Mr. DiGregorio reported that the conversion to an all laptop lab has been very successful in the high school. Consideration is being given to converting the middle school lab to all laptops also.

He is currently subscribing on a limited basis to an educational software program for students and adults – Lynda.com – and will report to the Board and Ms. Webb-Metz how he rates the software.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None

Any Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Moved by: Mr. Rouse. Seconded by Dr. Gilbert. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, March 10, 2014.

APPROVED: March 10, 2014