

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 12, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on May 12, 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, Mabel Allen, Kenneth Altman, Martin Gilbert, Martha Kerge and Arthur Peck.

Absent: David DiGregorio.

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 April 21, 2014. Moved by: Mr. Rouse. Seconded by: Dr. Gilbert. Unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Juhng reviewed with the Board the Library's April 2014 financial statements. She noted that she had examined and approved the statements and reported that they were current and accurate.

**Correspondence**

None

**Director's Report**

Ms. Webb-Metz discussed with the Board the procedure for filing the 2014 online Financial Disclosure Statements. Tenafly Borough Clerk, Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, will email each Board Member with instructions and a pin for signing into the system.

The Board reviewed a letter from Robert W. White, Executive Director of BCCLS, to Kathleen A. Donovan, County Executive, seeking a grant in the amount of \$150,000, an increase of \$25,000 over 2012 and 2013, but still well below the \$185,000 received in 2010.

Dr. Gilbert mentioned that there are a surprising number of libraries being funded above the one-third mill mandated by law.

Ms. Webb-Metz distributed registration information for the NJ Library Trustee Institute to be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Sheraton in Eatontown, NJ. Titled "Advocacy & Political Action for Libraries," the special guest speaker will be John Chrastka, Executive Director of Everylibrary.

Dr. Altman, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Rouse and Ms. Webb-Metz will attend the New Jersey Library Trustee Association Road Show on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Closter Public Library.

After discussing the BCCLS Advocacy Committee - Trustee *Info & Action* – May 2014 –State Aid report, the Board asked Ms. Webb-Metz to draft a letter to the appropriate legislators requesting adequate funding for the Tenafly Public Library. It was requested that Board President Patrick Rouse sign on behalf of all Board members.

The Board was very appreciative of the Friends sponsorship of the Alice Rigney *Tenaflly Art and Artists Remembered* Exhibit and Program on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Library. Many Board members attended the event that greatly exceeded all expectations. Dr. Peck will draft a letter of thank you to Alice Rigney, and the Board will send her a bouquet of flowers.

Ms. Webb-Metz recounted the many activities the Friends have sponsored to bring a greater awareness of the Library to the public. The Friends staffed a table at the Tenaflly Earth Day observance, are planning to have a table at the Tenaflly Education Foundation 5K run and will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade. They are also participating in an informal group that brings together Friends from other BCCLS libraries to share ideas.

### **President's Report**

Mr. Rouse asked for Board members to join the committee to prepare the Library Director's evaluation.

### **Old Business**

Auditors from the firm Garbarini & Co., P.C. will begin the 2013 audit on Saturday, June 7.

The Recreation Department informed Ms. Webb-Metz that the restrooms on the field will be opened on game days by Borough maintenance staff.

### **New Business**

None

### **Report from the Mayor's Alternate**

Mrs. Kerge reported that Mayor Rustin could not praise enough the wonderful experience he had attending the opening of Alice Rigney's exhibit *Tenaflly Art and Artists Remembered* on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the Library.

### **Report from the Superintendent's Alternate**

None

### **Citizen's Portion of the Meeting**

None

### **Any Other Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Moved by: Dr. Peck. Seconded by Dr. Altman. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng  
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, June 9, 2014.

APPROVED: June 9, 2014