

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Tenaflly Public Library met on June 9, 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, David DiGregorio, Martin Gilbert and Arthur Peck.

Absent: Martha Kerge.

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 May 12, 2014. Moved by: Mrs. Cook. Seconded by: Dr. Gilbert. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

Jola Charles of Anchorage, Alaska donated \$100. to purchase children's book on travel in memory of Arthur Zaks.

Alice Rigney called to express her thanks to the Board for the beautiful flower arrangement sent to her home in appreciation for her program and exhibit "*Tenaflly Art and Artists Remembered*" on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the Library.

In a letter dated May 29, 2014, Assemblyman, Gordon M. Johnson, 37th District, responded to the Boards letter of May 23, 2014 requesting his support for current legislation to increase financial support for public libraries. Assemblyman Johnson noted that due to the \$800 million shortfall in the current fiscal year, the possibility of new spending is greatly diminished.

Director's Report

Board members were reminded that their online financial disclosure reports to the state were due and Daniel Lane and Gina Webb-Metz were available to help navigate through the new procedure.

Eifert French & Company, Insurance & Risk Management, confirmed that the Board of Trustees liability coverage is included with the liability coverage of the Borough of Tenaflly.

The new chillers for the air conditioning for the main part of the Library should be operational on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Since the Head of Maintenance, Joseph Rossi, and his assistant, Robert McQueeney, have been out sick for several weeks, there is no definite date for the installation of the new air conditioning roof unit for the employee workroom and McCandless Room.

The air conditioning unit in the Edna Kawulitzki Gallery should be operational shortly after the new coils target delivery date of June 16, 2014.

Stewart Fife of Library Interiors will meet with Library personnel and Board members on Thursday, June 12th. After discussion, he will draw up plans and make a proposal for the redesign of the circulation area. Board members agreed that a special meeting could be called in July or August to discuss a feasible proposal.

The Library's summer reading programs for children, young adults and adults was discussed. This year there will be an end of summer ice cream social.

President's Report

None

Old Business

Dr. Gilbert reported that he will meet with Mayor Rustin to discuss possible funding for the beautification project behind the Edna Kawulitzki Gallery.

New Business

The Board reviewed the Library's 2015 calendar of holidays, board meetings and Sunday service. After discussion a motion was made to approve the 2015 calendar. Moved by Dr. Altman. Seconded by Dr. Peck and unanimously accepted.

Friends of the Library

The Tenafly Library Friends Board elected its first official board at a meeting on May 19, 2014: President, Teresa Austin; Vice President, Liz Warms; Corresponding Secretary, Zoraida Escobar; Treasurer, Sean Callahan, Recording Secretary, Marcia Delano. Marilyn Liebowitz will chair the concert committee.

Sean Callahan and Bruce Baker have been working on the Friends organizational structure. They were advised that the best approach would be to dissolve the old Friends organization and create a new organization. The Friends officially dissolved the organization at their June meeting. There is now a committee at work writing new by-laws.

The Friends marched in the Memorial Day Parade, joined by Board President Patrick Rouse and Library Director Gina Webb-Metz.

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

None

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

David DiGregorio discussed library maker spaces.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None

Any Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by Mrs. Allen. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, September 8, 2014.

APPROVED: September 8, 2014