

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

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on November 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, Mabel Allen, Kenneth Altman, Martin Gilbert, Martha Kerge and Arthur Peck.
Staff present: Library Director Gina Webb-Metz and Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Connolly.
Absent: David DiGregorio

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 October 20, 2014. Moved by: Mrs. Kerge. Seconded by: Mrs. Cook. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The financial reports will be forthcoming.

Correspondence

None.

Director's Report

The Tenafly Library Friends will host a "Dessert and Apple Cider Social" on Sunday, November 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., which will serve as the Friends' annual meeting. The Friends plan to promote Friends membership and to recruit people for its standing committees.

Over seventy people attended the Friends sponsored program "War of the Worlds" by Raconteur Radio on Sunday, November 9.

The decision whether or not to hire a replacement page for Sunday will not be made until the additional amount of work generated on Monday mornings can be observed.

The feasibility of the Library having a drive-up book drop on the Borough property was discussed. Mrs. Kerge reported that she had spoken with Mayor Rustin, and he expressed his strong desire to offer this service to Library patrons. The logistical challenges of placing the book drop were further deliberated. BCCLS directors will be surveyed to determine if any libraries have a drive-up bookdrop and, if practical, these libraries will be visited. The staff will continue to accommodate patrons' requests to meet them at the curb to receive returned materials and to help them to their cars if needed.

President's Report

Discussed in Director's Report.

Old Business

None.

Remodeling Update

The electrical work for the circulation area has been completed and passed inspection. The sheetrock installation and priming is completed. The problem in selecting the carpet is close to resolution. Ms.

Webb-Metz will schedule a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee to finalize the carpet and paint choices. With the help of Head of Maintenance, Joseph Rossi, the Library is obtaining three quotes for the painting project.

2015 Municipal Budget Request

The Borough of Tenafly 2015 Budget Transmittal Memorandum from Library Director Ms. Webb-Metz to the Borough Administrator's Office was discussed. The 2015 mandated 1/3 mill minimum mandatory funding will be up 1.03% to \$1,408,859. - an increase of \$14,399.

Per Capita Library State Aid funding continues to erode with a grant of \$6,297. for 2015, down \$50. from the 2014 support of \$6,347. Current State Aid is now 42.5% of the 2008 support of \$14,816. In 2009 state aid was \$12,942. and in 2010 the figure was \$10,236.

The 2015 Goals & Objectives continue to prioritize the goals as outlined in the Tenafly Public Library Three Year Strategic Plan for 2014-2016.

There is no request for 2015 Capital repairs.

Non-union wages are not finalized.

New Business

None.

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

Discussed in Director's Report.

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

None.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None.

Any Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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, December 8, 2014.

APPROVED: 12-08-14