

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 11, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on May 11, 2015, 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, 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 February 9, 2015. Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by Dr. Altman. Unanimously approved. Board members approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 13, 2015. Moved by Dr. Peck. Seconded by Dr. Altman. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The financial reports for the month of April 2015 will be reviewed at the June 8, 2015 meeting. Board members expressed concerns over the low interest rates on the gift moneys invested in New Jersey Cash Management and certificates of deposit.

**Correspondence**

None

**Director's Report**

The Library closed the morning of Wednesday, April 29 for Staff Development Training sponsored by LibraryLinkNJ and the Tenafly Public Library. It was a lively interactive meeting with the staff enthusiastically participating with the facilitator and each other. The staff input on the programs evaluation forms was very positive.

**President's Report**

None

**Old Business**

Dr. Gilbert reported the Borough has renewed interest in creating a four-season garden on the property behind the Library. Dr. Gilbert has spoken with Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin and Robert Culvert, Head of the DPW about implementing the plan using money from the Open Space fund.

**Personnel Manual**

The attorney review of the Personnel Manual is complete. Mr. Rouse asked for volunteers to be on a committee to review the manual. Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Juhng and Dr. Peck will participate and receive copies of the manual to review.

**New Business**

None

**Report from the Mayor's Alternate**

None

**Report from the Superintendent's Alternate**

None

**Citizen's Portion of the Meeting**

None

**Any Other Business**

The Board discussed the options suggested for the Library to participate in Mayor Rustin's project - "Conversation of a Lifetime" – a Mayor's Wellness Campaign program. The program focuses on engaging in fruitful dialogue to let individuals' family, friends, or doctors understand and respect end-of-life wishes through advanced care planning. Mrs. Cook represented the Library at the campaign's kick-off meeting. Suggestions for participation include offering an afternoon or evening book discussion and sharing a bibliography of library materials related to the topic. The Board was enthusiastic about the Library's participation and also supports a film series on senior concerns and presenting programs on senior topics. Dr. Arthur Peck volunteered to speak about recent developments in Alzheimer's research.

**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 8, 2015.

APPROVED: June 8, 2015