

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on December 14, 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. Ms. 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 November 9, 2015. Moved by: Martin Gilbert. Seconded by: Kenneth Altman. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Soon Juhng reviewed with the Board the Library's financial statements of November, 2015. She noted that she had examined and approved the statements and reported that they were current and accurate. A motion was made to approve the financial reports. Moved by: Arthur Peck. Seconded by: Mabel Allen. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

The Library received a Notice of Probate of Will from the Surrogate's Court of New Jersey, Morris County stating the Tenafly Public Library was named as a beneficiary in the will of Harriette C. Dorf.

Ms. Webb-Metz shared with the Board the fourth essay (written by Christina Baker Kline) of a six-part series of essays in the "Love Your Library" series written on behalf of the Montclair Public Library Foundation. The series can be found online at northjersey.com/Montclair.

Director's Report

Library Specialist, Sandra Sonnichsen, will retire on December 31, 2015. Ms. Webb-Metz will meet with her supervisory staff and present a proposal to the Board for a recommendation to utilize this position. The Board was invited to attend a bagel and fruit retirement breakfast for Sandi on Wednesday, December 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Friends Room.

On Monday, December 21, the Library Board Union Negotiations Committee and Library Attorney Eric Steinberg will meet with Mary Short, a representative from the New Jersey Employees Labor Union OPEIU Local 32, and shop steward Susan DiGirolamo to begin negotiations for a new contract. The current contract expires on December 31, 2015.

President's Report

Mayor Rustin was re-elected with 50.388% of the votes.

The Library Holiday Party was discussed. It was noted that the setup at Tenafly Pizzeria and Restaurant was cramped. The staff will be surveyed regarding their preferences for the 2016 Holiday Party.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

2016 Budget

Ms. Webb-Metz has been working on finalizing the 2016 budget with the Borough Chief Financial Officer, Susan Corrado. The BCCLS bill has increased by \$5,000 due to a telecomm upgrade.

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

Martha Kerge reported that she spoke with Mayor Rustin, and he is well pleased at how the Library is being run and used. He feels the Library Board is just about perfect the way it is. Patrick Rouse and Mabel Allen begin new terms in 2016, and Martha Kerge will continue to be the Mayor's Alternate in 2016.

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

David DiGregorio inquired if there were any discipline problems in the Library with the students after school. Ms. Webb-Metz said that there were no significant problems. He also reported on the many activities Tenafly High School is engaged in to educate the children on the environment.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None

Any Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Moved by: Arthur Peck. Seconded by: Kenneth Altman. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, January 11, 2016.

APPROVED: January 11, 2016