

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on March 14, 2016, 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, David DiGregorio, Martin Gilbert, Martha Kerge and Arthur Peck.

Absent: Kenneth Altman

Staff present: Library Director Gina Webb-Metz and Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Connolly.

Patrick Rouse called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Gina 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 8, 2016. Moved by: Martin Gilbert. Seconded by: Soon Juhng. Unanimously accepted.

Board members approved the minutes of the closed session of board meeting of January 11, 2016. Moved by: Arthur Peck. Seconded by: Martin Gilbert. Unanimously accepted.

Board members approved the minutes of the closed session of the board meeting of February 8, 2016. Moved by: Kathleen Cook. Seconded by: Mabel Allen. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Soon Juhng reviewed with the Board the Library's financial statements of January and February 2016. 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: Martin Gilbert. Unanimously approved.

The Helen Miller Gould Mitchell Fund CD at Valley National Bank will mature on April 8, 2016. After discussion a motion was made to renew the CD at the highest interest rate at 24 months or less. Moved by: Martin Gilbert. Seconded by: Arthur Peck. Unanimously approved.

The Helen Haber Memorial Fund CD at Northern Valley Englewood Bank will mature on April 13, 2016. After discussion a motion was made to renew the CD for 48 months at @ 1.73% interest. Moved by: Kathleen Cook. Seconded by: Mabel Allen. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Gloria Kornstein sent a note of thanks to the Library for "making it a beautiful experience" and sharing that "everyone is very helpful and friendly at all times."

Director's Report

Gina Webb-Metz discussed Library Services with the Mayor and Council at the Budget Presentation Meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Pat Rouse and Martin Gilbert thanked Ms. Webb-Metz for the wonderful presentation she gave.

Arthur Peck and Board members thanked Ms. Webb-Metz for the outstanding 2016 Annual Report to the Mayor and Council handout flyer that accompanied the budget presentation.

The Board discussed the initial donation of 156 books on all aspects of firefighting. Since the books are dated from 1966 to 2014 and there are so many, it will be extremely difficult to both catalog and

shelve them. The result of a quick perusal of the titles and dates indicates that many of the books are too out of date to go into the BCCLS system and on the library shelves. After the Library thoroughly examines the donation, the Board will then address this issue at a future Board meeting.

The Library Shop Steward, Susan DiGirolamo, has advised that the union proposal being prepared by union representative Mary Short will be completed this week. The Library provided Ms. Short with the union employee information she requested and negotiations will begin shortly.

Gina Webb-Metz met with Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin to discuss placement of the two Harvey Dunn paintings that are currently in storage.

To begin implementing their plan to focus on a few projects that will easily convey the ways in which the Friends support the Library, the Tenafly Library Friends donated \$1,000 to support the museum pass program. They also donated \$100 for large print books per the request of the donor.

The Friends are also discussing having a book sale every other year. They are looking into other fundraising events including an edible book festival and contest. They plan to visit the Rutherford Library in April to see how they conduct their Edible Book Festival.

The Library employees were surveyed regarding the 2016 Holiday party, and a majority indicated a preference for a catered event at the Library.

President's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

None

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

None

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None

Any Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Moved by Patrick Rouse. Seconded by: Arthur Peck. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng
Secretary/Treasurer

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

APPROVED: April 11, 2016