

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on September 12, 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, Kenneth Altman, David DiGregorio, Martin Gilbert, and Arthur Peck.

Absent: None.

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 June 13, 2016. Moved by: Martin Gilbert. Seconded by: Kenneth Altman. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Soon Juhng reviewed with the Board the Library's financial statements of June, July and August, 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: Kenneth Altman. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

None

Director's Report

The Library was alive this summer with abundant programs – some from the normal schedule and some special events for children and adults. On June 4, the Tenafly Asian Parents Association presented a lively and colorful Dragon Boat Festival that was attended by 300+ children and adults. Lectures included the Tenafly Historic Preservation Commission - Bonny Dell Farm; Mario Medici on the Jersey Shore; Michael Norris presented art history on the Ancient Olympics; Marty Schmit lectured on the Borscht Belt and the Donghwa Cultural Center presented a Korean Tea Ceremony Workshop. The Children's Department Summer Reading Program included a new volunteer Reading Buddies program; high school volunteers teaching "Tech Roots" computer coding classes; Ready, Set, Read Magic Show; Experimenting with Art; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) for children; Cupcake Wars; Fashion Dreams Come True sewing classes taught by a volunteer ESL student; Library Olympics; and a Safety Class with the Tenafly Police Department.

The Library welcomed two new employees. Stacey Shapiro, Teen and Emerging Technologies Librarian, will complete her MLIS at Rutgers this semester. Stacey will meet with teens once a week in the McCandless Room and is working with the Children's Department on a Star Wars Read Week Celebration in October. Stacey was chosen as a NJLA Emerging Leader for 2016-2017.

Library Assistant Michael Grgurev began work on 9-11-16 as a seasonal Sunday employee. Michael is taking the place of retired Maria Maloupis who began working at the Tenafly Library on the first Sunday opening on April 18, 2004.

To honor the memory of Board member Martha Kerge and Friends Board member Bruce Baker, the Board approved memorial bookplates for titles reflecting their interests.

President's Report

The Audit Report from Garbarini & Co., P.C. for the period December 31, 2015 and 2014 showed on Page 16 "Comments and Recommendations: for the Current Year:" **None**. Pat Rouse thanked Library Director Gina Webb-Metz and Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Connolly for this excellent report.

Pat Rouse discussed the lack of communication for contract negotiations between the Library employees union (NJ Employees Labor Union OPEIU Local 32) and the negotiations committee.

Old Business

-2017 Calendar

The Board discussed amending the 2017 calendar which was approved at the June 13, 2016 Board meeting. After discussion a motion was made to change the April 10, 2017 Board meeting date to April 17, 2017. Moved by: Kenneth Altman. Seconded by: Soon Juhng. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Ms. Webb-Metz distributed the Tenafly Library Friends Events and Meetings Fall 2016 flyer. On Saturday, October 22, the Friends will host an Edible Book Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants will have fun with food - creatively manipulating food/baked goods to represent a favorite (or least favorite) book. There will also be two Tenafly authors participating: Ms. Cate Holahan (*The Widower's Wife*) and Mr. Mel Hioki (*The Other Side of the Pond*). To empathize with the hunger theme of Mr. Hioki's book, the Board agreed to designating Saturday, October 22 as a "Food for Fines" day. The food collected will be delivered to the Food Bank in Paterson.

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

None

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

David DiGregorio recapped the numerous summer projects at the Library that included repositioning shelving to a shorter level. The Board was encouraged to attend an exhibit "The Art of Science" on display.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None

Any Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Moved by: Patrick Rouse. Seconded by: Kathleen Cook. Unanimously accepted.

The Board returned to open session at 8:19 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Moved by Dr. Altman. Seconded by Arthur Peck. Unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, October 17, 2016.

APPROVED: October 17, 2016,