

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on the above date at 7:30 p.m. at the Library for its regular monthly meeting.

Board Members Present: President Ellen Rochford, Vice President Kathleen Cook, Mrs. Mabel Allen, Dr. Martin Gilbert, Dr. Arthur Peck and Councilman Patrick Rouse.

Staff Present: Library Director Stephen Wechtler and Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Connolly.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Kenneth Altman, Mr. David DiGregorio and Dr. Everett Ferguson.

Mrs. Rochford called the meeting to order. Mr. Wechtler stated that notices of the meeting had been sent to local papers, Cablevision and were posted on the Library and Borough bulletin boards.

Board members approved the minutes of the Library Board meeting of December 14, 2009. Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by: Mrs. Cook.

The first order of business was the election of Board officers for 2010. The following were nominated:

President – Mrs. Ellen Rochford (moved by Dr. Peck, seconded by Mrs. Cook). Elected unanimously.

Vice President – Mrs. Kathleen Cook (moved by Mrs. Allen, Seconded by Mrs. Rochford). Elected unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Gilbert (moved by Mrs. Rochford, Seconded by Dr. Peck). Elected unanimously.

Councilman Rouse was reappointed for a one year term by Mayor Rustin and Mr. DiGregorio was reappointed for a one-year term by School Superintendent, Dr. Eugene Westlake.

CORRESPONDENCE

In a letter dated December 21, 2009, George T. Brown, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Lillian M. Panczner, enclosed a check to the Friends of the Library in the amount of \$13,668.27 as the final distribution of the Estate. The total distribution was \$33,668.27. The Friends plaque honoring Ms. Panczner will be displayed on the brick wall in the entrance foyer of the Library.

The Library Board expressed its appreciation for the donations received from Mark Kesslen and Phyllis Perskie-Kesslen (\$100.), Richard Sargavy (\$50.), Ronda and Alvin Gelb (\$50), and Mrs. Barbara Steinfeld (\$25.) to the Selma Greco Book Fund.

The Board also discussed having an exhibit in the display cases to honor former Borough Historian Virginia T. Mosley who passed away on December 31, 2009. It was hoped that the exhibit would coincide with a visit to Tenafly in April by Mrs. Mosley's daughters Judee Mosley and Marcia Stanger.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In a letter dated January 8, 2010, Robert A. Silber, Esq. stated that he had reviewed the bid package submitted by AMCO Enterprises, Inc. and found it to be in order. Innovative Engineering, Inc. also approved the bid document.

Mr. Wechtler will notify AMCO Enterprises, Inc. that its bid was found to be in order by our attorney and engineer. He will also request a performance schedule from AMCO. Innovative Engineering is scheduled to provide one site visit at the conclusion of the project to do a punch list. In addition, Frank Mottola, Director of the Building Department, also suggested to Mr. Wechtler that Innovative Engineering, Inc. should periodically review AMCO's progress and insure that there is compliance with the final design. The Board agreed this would be prudent.

Mr. Wechtler reviewed with the Board his 2009 Annual Report to the Mayor and Council. Mrs. Rochford and members of the Board stated their appreciation to the Director and Library staff for the many accomplishments of 2009 including their handling of the staggering 18.6% increase in circulation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wechtler reported that there were 12.17 million circulations (checkouts and renewals) within the BCCLS system in 2009. This is an 11.8% increase over 2008. There were also 2.46 million reciprocal transactions

-- a 13.1% increase over 2008. Tenaflly Library patrons continue to use BCCLS, with its computerized catalog combining the resources of seventy-five member libraries, at an ever increasing rate.

The staff of the Tenaflly Public Library sent out 26,462 packages to patrons of other BCCLS libraries in 2009. This is a substantial increase over the 23,273 packages sent out in 2008.

The Library received a check dated 1-09-2010 from BCCLS in the amount of \$2,110. as reimbursement for the materials the Tenaflly Library lent out to patrons of other BCCLS libraries over the amount our patrons borrowed from BCCLS.

Councilman Rouse stated that bestselling authors John and Doris Naisbitt will discuss their new book China's Megatrends: the 9 Pillars of a New Society at Tenaflly High School's Lalor Library Media Center on January 13 at 10:30 a.m. The program will be covered by C-Span's Book TV.

In response to Mrs. Allen's inquiry about the behavior of the students using the library after school, Mr. Wechtler stated that thus far in this school year there have been no significant negative incidents. Creating a defined area with tables and chairs for young adults has helped to create a better and more controlled environment.

The Board was delighted with the January 2010 exhibit of papercuts from China by Judy Manton arranged by Assistant Director Soon Juhng.

The booksale date has been set for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 16, 17 and 18.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by: Mrs. Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

The next regular meeting of the
Library Board of Trustees will be
Monday, February 8, 2010
at the Library.

Stephen R. Wechtler
Library Director

APPROVED: 02-08-2010