

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
March 8, 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, Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Martin Gilbert, Mrs. Mabel Allen, Dr. Kenneth Altman, Dr. Arthur Peck and Councilman Patrick Rouse.

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

Board Members Absent: 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 February 8, 2010. Moved by: Mrs. Cook. Seconded by: Dr. Gilbert.

Dr. Peck took the official oath of public office for his reappointment to a 5 year term as a Library Board of Trustees member.

CORRESPONDENCE

On February 24, the Library received a check in the amount of \$575.00 from the New Jersey State Library as part of the Compact Disc Antitrust Settlement Grant Program. The funds are to be used for digital music CDs. All New Jersey libraries that had expressed an interest in receiving a portion of the funds received a check in this amount.

The Library also received checks in memory of Virginia T. Mosley from Louise Miller (\$25.00) and Eleanor Wallace (\$25.00)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At a budget meeting of the Mayor and Council on Saturday February 27, Mr. Wechtler reviewed the proposed 2010 Library Budget (detailed in the Library Board Minutes of February 22, 2010) and also gave a comprehensive report on the 2010 Goals and Objectives of the Library. The Mayor and Council were extremely pleased with Mr. Wechtler's presentation, as were Board members present at the meeting - Mrs. Rochford, Mrs. Cook, and Dr. Martin Gilbert. Councilman Michael Lattif thanked Mr. Wechtler for his extremely well done presentation. The Board thanked Mr. Wechtler for the excellence of his presentation.

At Mr. Wechtler's request, Board members discussed changing the September 1985 Gifts and Bequests Plaque Policy. Gifts and bequests from \$10,000 to \$49,999 would receive a 9 x 12 inch plaque. Gifts and bequests from \$50,000 and above would receive a 12 x 18 inch plaque. The Board was in agreement that the policy should be updated and the following resolution was approved.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Tenafly approves of the revised Gifts and Bequests Plaque Policy as presented by the Library Director.

Moved by: Mrs. Cook

Seconded by: Dr. Altman

Voting as follows:

Mrs. Allen – Aye
Dr. Altman – Aye
Mrs. Cook – Aye
Dr. Gilbert - Aye

Dr. Peck – Aye
Mrs. Rochford – Aye
Councilman Rouse – Aye

T. Heston Allocco, Project Manager for AMCO Enterprises, Inc., informed Mr. Wechtler that on March 8, construction jackets were being delivered to Borough Hall and VAV zoning boxes the same week. A performance schedule is to be delivered by the end of the following week. AMCO expects to be working in the building by the end of March or beginning of April. The building permit went to the Building Department and inspectors and Mr. Allocco were in the Library on March 4.

OTHER BUSINESS

On Friday, March 5, Mr. Robert White, Executive Director of BCCLS, and 17 librarians from various BCCLS libraries attended a meeting at the Tenafly Library to plan for a new system-wide computer program. SIRSI/DYNIX, vendor of the present system, has increased its annual maintenance charges by 8% which is too high. The ability of SIRSI/DYNIX to support BCCLS' customized Web 2 catalog is also deteriorating. Finally, SIRSI/DYNIX cannot support the Unicode program which is essential, as BCCLS expands its World Languages Catalog to serve the growing number of non-English speaking people moving into Bergen County. A more capable and intuitive system will be selected with installation scheduled for 12/12/12.

Mr. White also reported that the BCCLS system will most likely be switching from Verizon to cable in the next fourteen months.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Moved by: Dr. Altman. Seconded by: Mrs. Rochford.

The next regular meeting of the
Library Board of Trustees will be
Monday, April 12, 2010
at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Wechtler
Library Director

APPROVED: April 12, 2010