

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 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, Mr. David DiGregorio, 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: 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 March 8, 2010. Moved by: Mrs. Cook. Seconded by: Dr. Gilbert.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The BCCLS System Council met on April 7 and voted to approve membership to the Fairfield Free Public Library.

The Library received a check for \$25.00 from Donald & Frances Mosser in memory of Harriet Leland.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Board discussed Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin's e-mail of April 6, 2010 to Library Director Stephen R. Wechtler concerning the development of a database of all Borough affiliated personnel that impact the municipal operating budget. The Board took exception to this request on two levels. Library employees do not impact the municipal operating budget in that all expenses for personnel are part of the 1/3 mil appropriation governed by state law. Any appropriations for personnel or other expenses are at the discretion of the Library Board within the confines of the appropriated funds. Also the Board questions the need to devote so much time to providing information that, as stated in Mrs. Thompson-Chin's e-mail, is already available in the appropriate departments of the Borough. After further discussion the Board decided to send a memorandum to Mrs. Thompson-Chin denying compliance and inviting her to attend the next regularly scheduled Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010

All preparations for the booksale scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 16, 17 and 18 have been completed. Mr. Wechtler has contacted volunteers to help with the setup and sale. At the request of Board members, notices will be posted at the booksale that staff will take donations for the Center for Food Action in Englewood.

Mr. Wechtler showed the Board pictures of some of the art work in wood created from the 350-year old white ash tree formerly in front of the MacKay School that The Children's Tree and Art Foundation will exhibit during July and August in the Edna Kawulitzki Gallery. The Board was pleased with the current gallery exhibit in oils by Mindge Sam Xue and also Christie Shin's digital illustrations in the exhibit cases. Mr. Wechtler asked Board members to suggest qualified candidates to join the Library's art committee.

Board members read through a copy of Save My NJ Library which Mr. Wechtler downloaded from their website: [www.savemynjlibrary.com](http://www.savemynjlibrary.com). It outlines how to "Take Action" to save your library's services – including contacting legislators, writing to newspapers, attending the rally in Trenton on May 6<sup>th</sup>, joining "Save NJ Libraries" supporters on Facebook and becoming a Library Champion. The Governor's proposed budget cuts State Library funding by 74%. This cut eliminates internet access and electronic journals in hundreds of libraries; eliminates the delivery of materials from library to library; and eliminates 50% of State Aid to public libraries. Many databases will be lost. BCCLS will still have ProQuest, but EBSCO will be lost. Loss of these programs will put more pressure on local property taxes. The \$10 million in library programs cut from the Governor's budget represents little more than \$1 per person in state funds. Proposed legislation A2555 will

ELIMINATE minimum funding for libraries and will result in fewer books, fewer hours, and fewer services and will cause some libraries to close. Local library funding targeted in A2555 typically represents less than 3% of local property taxes.

On April 20 a massive post card campaign is planned to protest these budget cuts.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Heston Allocco, Project Manager of AMCO, informed Mr. Wechtler that they would do a complete survey of the HVAC, order belts, gaskets, and filters and measure for sheet metal for VAV boxes on April 15. VAV boxes have a 4 week lead time. Initial rehab. of the air handling unit will take place the second to last week of April and replacement of gaskets and rehab. of unit casing will be done in the next week. AMCO expects to have motors in one week and VAV boxes and VAV drives in 4 weeks. The control side of the project will be completed in two weeks and the electrical side of the project will be completed in 4 weeks. Estimated completion of the project is the end of May. Mr. Allocco also stated that all ATC shop drawings and fan drawings have been sent to Innovative Engineering for review.

The Board discussed Mr. Gus Anton's request to have a laminated newspaper article from the Record with a picture of former Borough Historian Virginia T. Mosley placed next to his donated painting entitled "The Old Demarest-Lyle House on West Clinton Avenue." The Board asked Mr. Wechtler to once again thank Mr. Anton for his donation, but to inform him that they did not want the laminated clipping placed on the Library wall.

Mr. Wechtler accepted the invitation to be a speaker at the May 1 memorial service for Virginia T. Mosley in Roosevelt Common.

From January 2 through March 31, 5,763 packages were sent from the Tenafly Library to other libraries.

Dr. Martin Gilbert stated that he was favorably impressed with the enthusiastic report from Children's Librarian Latricia Markle outlining the highlights of her attendance at the Public Library Association – 13<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Portland, Oregon from March 23 through March 27.

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, May 10, 2010** at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Wechtler  
Library Director

APPROVED: May 10, 2010