

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on December 13, 2010 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. Everett Ferguson, Dr. Arthur Peck and Councilman Patrick Rouse.

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

Mrs. Rochford called the meeting to order. Ms. Webb-Metz reported that notices of the meeting had been sent to the media and posted.

Board members approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 8 and the Executive Board meeting of November 8. Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by: Mrs. Cook.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Webb-Metz reminded Board members of the holiday party scheduled for December 15.

The Library's annual booksale will be the weekend of March 25, 26 and 27.

The Board discussed the Library's preliminary 2011 budget. The 1/3 mil appropriation for 2011 is \$24,000 less than year 2010 which was \$23,950 less than the 2009 1/3 mil appropriation. State aid for year 2011 is \$6,551. compared to \$10,236. for year 2010; \$12,948.26 for year 2009 and \$14,816.15 for year 2008. Total charge backs from the Borough for year 2011 amount to \$106,000.

Due to the decrease in the 1/3 mil funding and increases in health insurance and PERS costs, the 2011 book and materials budget currently stands at \$50,830. The Board discussed the need to find additional funding for books and materials. A finance committee of Dr. Martin Gilbert, Mr. Patrick Rouse and Ms. Gina Webb-Metz was appointed to review the 2011 budget and bring proposals to the Board for budget reallocations to the 2011 book and materials budget.

Ms. Webb-Metz presented to the Board the Library's Goals and Objectives for 2011. Following is an abbreviated version:

1. To support the use of e-readers for members of the Tenafly Public Library community transitioning to this format, the Library will purchase e-readers and train and familiarize patrons with their functions and capabilities.
2. To expand on the Library's role as a cultural center for the town, the Library will institute a Museum Pass Program to support the utilization of the cultural resources of the metropolitan area for library users.
3. To improve communication with residents to publicize the programs, services and resources available to the community through the Tenafly Public Library, the Library's website will be upgraded and maintained. Links will be incorporated to give patrons further access to the services of both the Borough and the Library.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

Councilman Rouse reported that employee contract negotiations are continuing at the Borough and the 2011 budget is being developed. He also discussed the status of the light rail referendum in Tenafly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Moved by: Mrs. Cook. Seconded by: Dr. Altman.

The Board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Everett Fergenson spoke of the satisfaction he received by serving on the Library Board of Trustees since December 2004. He enthusiastically expressed his willingness to serve again should there be a need. Board members offered their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Fergenson for his many innovative ideas and contributions to the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Moved by: Dr. Gilbert. Seconded by: Mrs. Cook.

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be **Monday, January 10, 2011** at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Webb-Metz
Library Director

APPROVED: January 10, 2011