

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on the above date at the Library for its regular monthly meeting.

Board Members Present: President, Ellen Rochford, Vice President Kathleen Cook, Mabel Allen, Dr. Kenneth Altman, Dr. Everett Fergenson, Dr. Martin Gilbert, 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: David DiGregorio.

Mrs. Rochford called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wechtler confirmed 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 September 14, 2009. Moved by: Dr. Altman, Seconded by: Mrs. Cook.

Mayor Rustin appointed Dr. Martin Gilbert to the Library Board effective October 2009 to fill the unexpired term (01-01-10) of Board member Lynda Burke. Mr. Wechtler and Board members welcomed Dr. Martin Gilbert to the Library Board after he took the official oath of public office. Mrs. Cook, Attorney at Law and Board member, notarized the oath.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

In a memo dated October 15, Mayor Peter Rustin informed Mr. Wechtler that the Mayor and Council appointed Gregory Fehrenbach as the Interim Borough Administrator to fill the vacancy created by Borough Administrator Joseph DiGiacomo's upcoming retirement. They also appointed Gene Vinci to the position of interim Chief Financial Officer, replacing Karen Palermo who accepted a similar position at the Borough of Fair Lawn.

Alfred Cafiero's friends at Tenafly Borough Hall made a \$100. memorial donation to the Library in his honor.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In a letter dated October 14, 2009, Robert A. Silber, Esq. approved the Project Manual for the Tenafly Public Library – HVAC upgrades. Architect Anthony Iovino received a fax of the approval and it is expected to go out to bid on October 29. The bid will be open for about four weeks and a bid opening should take place at the end of November. The firm of Arcari & Iovino will be present at the bid opening. The lowest responsible bid will be presented to the Library Board for approval at its December 14 meeting.

In August 2009, Children's Librarian Latricia Markle sent out flyers announcing a contest open to Tenafly residents ages 13 to 18 to design a logo for a new eco-friendly Tenafly Public Library tote bag. All submissions were due October 15. Letters were also sent to the Tenafly Middle and High School art teachers. Tenafly High School art teacher, Ms. Kathleen Kirschbaum, assigned this project to her art classes and the students submitted wonderfully creative logos. The Board members had the difficult task of choosing only one design. The winner will be notified shortly.

Board members were also very pleased with the current Alice Rigney art exhibit "Hudson River Paintings," celebrating Henry Hudson's discovery of the river 400 years ago.

Adult Services Librarian Rafat Ispahany, with the valuable help of Adult Services Librarian Agnes Kolben, put together the extremely popular chess exhibit in the exhibit cases for the month of October. Some of the chess sets are rare, others are whimsical, and together they make a very enjoyable showing.

Mr. Wechtler asked Board members to participate in a real-time, online discussion forum with other Trustees, members of the Trustee Education Committee and the BCCLS Executive Director on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The discussion will center on the question "What are the major issues facing your library and how can the BCCLS Trustee Education Committee help you?" The online address is: <http://www.bccls.org/TrusteeChat/>.

There are 1400 Library Champions registered with BCCLS and Board members were encouraged to become Library Champions. Mr. Wechtler said that BCCLS is still waiting for its 2009 county grant which is directed to supporting reciprocal borrowing among Bergen County public libraries.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The one-third mill allocation for the Tenafly Public Library in year 2010 is \$1,408,194. This is the minimum expenditure the municipality may give to our Library.

The Board and Mr. Wechtler were agreeable to allocating time for a possible once-a-month poetry writing workshop at the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Moved by: Dr. Peck. Seconded by: Dr. Altman.

Respectfully submitted,

The next regular meeting of the  
Library Board of Trustees will be  
**Monday, November 9, 2009**  
at the Library.

Stephen R. Wechtler  
Library Director

Approved: November 9, 2009