

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 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, David DiGregorio, Dr. Everett Fergenson, Dr. Martin Gilbert and Councilman Patrick Rouse.

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Arthur Peck

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 October 19, 2009. Moved by: Dr. Fergenson, Seconded by: Mrs. Cook.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

In an email dated October 30, 2009, Alka Bhatnagar, Analysis and Trends Specialist of the New Jersey State Library, informed the Tenafly Library that based on the 2009 Equalized Valuation for the Borough of Tenafly the minimum municipal library support for 2010 is \$1,408,194. The 1/3 mil funding level is \$1.25.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Board considered the recommendation of Mr. Wechtler who had conferred with employee union representatives that the floating holiday for 2010 be Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, 2010.

After discussion the Board approved the following resolution:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Tenafly approves of Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, as the floating holiday for 2010 on which the Library will be closed.

Moved by: Dr. Altman

Seconded by: Dr. Fergenson

Voting as follows:

Mrs. Allen – Aye

Dr. Fergenson - Aye

Dr. Altman – Aye

Dr. Gilbert - Aye

Mrs. Cook – Aye

Mrs. Rochford - Aye

Mr. DiGregorio – Aye

Councilman Rouse – Aye

The Tenafly Public Library has been awarded the Twenty-First Annual New Jersey Council for the Humanities Book Award Collection. The presentation of the book collection will be made by Gloria Rojas of the NJCH Board at the Tenafly Public Library on Tuesday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. Members of the press and our elected officials – local, state and federal, have been invited to the presentation. Mr. Wechtler also asked Board members to attend this event.

Bid documents for the Tenafly Public Library – “HVAC Upgrades” were delivered on October 28. The bid notice appeared in The Record on October 29. All bids must be back by December 3 at 10:00p.m. Mr. Wechtler will present their recommendation to the Board for approval at the December 14 Board meeting. Dr. Gilbert asked if this project would disrupt library service. Mr. Wechtler stated that there should be minimum disruption.

Mr. Wechtler reminded Board members that on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a real time online discussion forum with other trustees, members of the BCCLS Trustee Education Committee, and Executive Director Robert White to consider issues facing libraries. The online address is: <http://www.bccls.org/TrusteeChat/>.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Wechtler will present the Library's 2010 budget to the Borough by the due date of December 4 with the understanding that the Board will give its approval at the December 14 Board meeting.

The Board was delighted with Alice Rigney's gift to the Library "Gentlemen of Many Hats" which Mrs. Rigney illustrated and composed. The Friends of the Library purchased several copies. One has been placed in the Local History Collection and two in the circulating collection.

The concert with the Rhodsian Duo" on Sunday, October 25 at 2:30 p.m. was very well received with over fifty in attendance. It was presented by the Friends of the Library

On Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m., the Friends will present The Tenafly Singers in a concert in the Edna Kawulitzki Gallery.

On Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m. the Friends of the Library presented "Spooky Magic" with magician Mark Wurst. The program included Halloween tales, interactive magic and tricks and treats for the entire family. Over 137 children and adults attended.

Mr. Wechtler has mentioned to Mrs. Alice Rigney the presentation of a program in which she would do a painting in progress in the library. Suggested by Dr. Fergenson, the idea would be for the public to have the opportunity to see Mrs. Rigney in the art of creating one of her outstanding works of art.

Plans for a Poetry Circle at the Library are in progress.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Moved by: Mrs. Cook. Seconded by: Dr. Gilbert.

Respectfully submitted,

The next regular meeting of the  
Library Board of Trustees will be  
**Monday, December 14, 2009**  
at the Library.

Stephen R. Wechtler  
Library Director

Approved: December 14, 2009