

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 13, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on February 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library for its regular Board meeting.

Board Members Present: President Kathleen Cook, Vice President Patrick Rouse, Secretary/Treasurer Martin Gilbert, Mabel Allen, Kenneth Altman, Soon Juhng.

Absent: David DiGregorio, Arthur Peck.

Staff present: Library Director Gina Webb-Metz

Due to a Council meeting conflict, the Mayor's Alternate, Councilwoman Martha Kerge, was unable to attend the Library Board meeting. She stopped by at the beginning of the meeting to review the items she had noted to report to Council.

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Webb-Metz reported that notices of the meeting had been posted and sent to the media.

#### **Minutes**

Board members approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 9, 2012.

Moved by Mr. Rouse. Seconded by Mrs. Cook.

#### **Oath of Office – New Board Member**

Dr. Kenneth Altman took the Oath of Office for a five-year term as a member of the Library Board.

#### **Correspondence**

Library Assistant Joanne Hare sent a letter of thanks for flowers sent to her by the Library after the death of her father.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The January Treasurer's Report will be shared at the March meeting. Final figures were not available in time to prepare for the meeting.

#### **Director's Report**

The plaque and reception planned to honor Ellen Rochford's service on the Library Board were discussed. When the plaque is completed, the Board will schedule a reception date.

The Board discussed the proposal to host *Selected Shorts*, the series of short fiction read by the stage and screen actors. *Selected Shorts* is recorded live at Symphony Space in NYC and in other venues on tour, including in libraries. It airs on Public Radio stations. The BCCLS Public Relations Committee co-sponsors this annual event each June with a BCCLS member library. Following discussion the Board decided not to host *Selected Shorts* due to the difficult parking situation in the Borough complex and the expense.

The Board confirmed that the Library should not offer space for the Kaplan test preparation company to offer SAT tests free of charge at the Library in compliance with the Library policy of not allowing for-profit entities to advertise or promote their services at the Library.

The new lending policy for current release DVDs and Blu-rays is one-week only.

#### **President's Report**

Mrs. Cook highlighted the museum pass program offered through the Library and the positive reaction to the new furniture arrangement in the reference area. Mrs. Cook shared copies with the Board of an opinion column from the February 9, 2012 edition *Northern Valley Suburbanite* entitled "Virtual Libraries Could Be the Future."

#### **Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Report from the Mayor's Alternate**

None.

**Report from the Superintendent's Alternate**

None.

**Citizen's Portion of the Meeting**

None.

**Closed Session**

The Board went into closed session at 8:04 p.m.  
Moved by Dr. Altman. Seconded by Mrs. Cook.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Rouse moved to adjourn the meeting 8:06 p.m.  
Seconded by Dr. Altman.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Martin Gilbert  
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, March 12, 2012.

APPROVED: March 12, 2012