

TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on March 12, 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, Martha Kerge and Arthur Peck.

Absent: David DiGregorio.

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

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 February 13, 2012.

Moved by Dr. Altman. Seconded by Dr. Gilbert.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Gilbert reviewed with the Board the Library's completed 2011 year-end financial statements. He noted that he had examined and approved the statements and reported that they were current and accurate. They will be forwarded to the Mayor, Council and Borough Administrator. He also reviewed with the Board the 2012 cumulative financial statements through February 2012 and reported that they were current and accurate.

Director's Report

The Library has purchased and maintenance has installed a remote-controlled drop down video screen and a ceiling projector for the Friends Room.

The non-fiction shelving has been shifted into two sections to allow for more patron-friendly browsing.

The redesigned reference/computer area will shortly contain all the public computers to allow patrons more interaction with and help from staff. Within the next two to three weeks the electrical work should be completed for this project.

Ms. Webb-Metz urged Board members to attend the 8th Trustee Institute presented by the NJ State Library in partnership with the NJ Library Trustee Association and the NJ Library Association on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Sheraton Eatontown from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Board members received a copy of the Library's Gifts and Bequests Policy to review for revision. The cost of the plaques has risen considerably, and the Library is seeking different innovative ways to acknowledge these gifts.

On Tuesday, May 8th at 1:00 p.m., the Library will present a slide/lecture "Life in Tenafly: 1969." David Wall, Chair of the Tenafly Historic Preservation Committee, will share a slide show originally created by former Local Historian Virginia Mosley. The Library received the slides from the Borough and digitized them for presentation to the public.

Dr. Peck thanked Ms. Webb-Metz for the informative brochure she created for distribution to Library patrons.

President's Report

Mrs. Cook shared with the Board copies of the Library Community's February 23, 2012 rebuttal to the opinion column from the February 9, 2012 edition *Northern Valley Suburbanite* entitled "Virtual Libraries Could Be the Future." Several Library Directors shared their views on the downside of virtual libraries to the community.

The concert hosted by Mayor Peter Rustin on Sunday, March 11th with pianist Iris Perry was very well received and attended.

Honoring Ellen Rochford

Plans for a reception and unveiling the plaque to honor Ellen Rochford have been completed. On Sunday, April 1 at 4:30 the Library will hold a reception for Mrs. Rochford in recognition of her forty years of tireless dedication to the Library. Family, friends, Mayor Peter Rustin, Library Board members and Library staff will attend.

Old Business

None.

New Business

At the request of Dr. Gilbert, Ms. Webb-Metz discussed the Library's policy for charging for lost or damaged audio materials.

Mr. Rouse requested that a committee be formed to begin reviewing the current Agreement (which ends 12-31-12) between the Board of Trustees and the Tenafly Library Employees of NJ Employees Labor Union OPEIU Local 32. Mr. Rouse and Dr. Peck volunteered to participate. Mr. Rouse will schedule a meeting.

Board members discussed various ways to help increase the number of Friends of the Library volunteers.

Report from the Mayor's Alternate

None.

Report from the Superintendent's Alternate

None.

Citizen's Portion of the Meeting

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Peck moved to adjourn the meeting 8:35 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, April 9, 2012.

APPROVED: April 9, 2012