

Tuxedo Park Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Nov 10, 2015
APPROVED

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Trustees Bullard, Davidson, Frazier, Fennell, Howard, Sweet, Takeuchi
Director Loomis, and Assistant Director Brady

Absent: Trustee du Pont

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Fennell and seconded by Trustee Frazier, the October 13th Board of Trustees meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Sweet reported that the library had a strong balance sheet. The total funds are about \$321,350. The biggest change recently was largely due to stellar fundraising efforts. This will be instrumental in helping to pay for the lower level renovation. In reviewing year-to-date expenses and the full year forecast, we are under our expense budget by \$5,500, partially due to "Bullet Aid" from Senator Bonacic's office. At the end of 2015, we expect to generate a surplus of \$4,500. Trustee Sweet also reported that the library is expecting higher earnings from our Amazon Associates program. He encouraged all of use the Amazon link button on the library's website during this holiday season.

Directors Report: Director Loomis' report was circulated prior to the meeting. She expects a great turnout for the November 15th, "The Gift of Nature", event at the Tuxedo Firehouse with 81 registered and more expected to attend. She explained the Zen Project, which is a group of residents who come together to work on various personal projects in the media café.

Committee Reports

Authors' Circle: Trustee Howard reported that James Kaplan will be presenting his book "Sinatra" on January 24th 2016. Also on April 3rd, Steven Silverman will be presenting his book, "The Catskills: The History of How it Changed America". Trustee Howard went on to mention that he hoped to schedule some children's authors for next year.

Committee on Trustees: President Davidson asked board members interested in the vice president position to speak with him, and to consider other community members for the open spots.

Building: Director Loomis reported that they were still looking into the water problem in the basement and was waiting for contractors to get back to them. An electrical issue had been fixed, and the gutters had been cleaned.

Marketing: No Report

Friends: No Report

New Business:

Strategic Planning:

Director Loomis passed out architectural renderings from Gensler with several different scenarios, and reviewed these plans with the board. These plans are a first draft at renovating the lower level in order to create a more inviting, open space containing a learning lab, fiction and non-fiction room and a program- kitchen room. The discussion went on to the possibility of condensing the mechanicals into one space and opening up walls to create a more open feel. Trustee Takeuchi also stressed how important she felt it was to keep the remaining bowling alley as part of the library which always had been a community center. A discussion followed with Trustees discussing the importance of the use of the space, and keeping the history of the bowling alley, while creating an aesthetically pleasing space.

On the motion of Ms. Fennell, seconded by Mr. Sweet, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard
Secretary