

Tuxedo Park Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2015

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:30. A quorum of five trustees was present.

Present: Trustees Davidson, du Pont, Fennell, Frazer, Howard; Director Loomis, Assistant Director Brady

Absent: Trustees Sweet, Bullard and Takeuchi

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Fennell, the minutes of the September 8th meeting of the Board of Trustees were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Sweet's report was distributed prior to the meeting. He reports that the actual finances are very close to our projected budget for the fiscal year and we are in good shape.

There was an extended discussion regarding the Town's proposed solution to the 2016 Budget Proposition problem created by the Town of Tuxedo's failing to forward our formal request to the Board of Election in Goshen. The proposition will not appear on the ballot for election day, November 3rd. One solution proposed was for a special election to be held solely on the proposition the following Tuesday, as is apparently happening for the Monroe Library, which faces a similar situation. Ms. Loomis will continue to discuss the matter with the Town officials.

Director's Report: Ms. Loomis' report was previously circulated. There was a discussion on the ongoing water issue in the Lower Level. Mr. Alan Yassky has proposed a simpler and more affordable fix for the water seepage problem than we have been contemplating. He is currently working on cost estimate for the project. Ms. Loomis briefly discussed the "Did you know?" survey results from the library's Family Fun Day raffle. 52 people filled out the survey and the comments were mainly positive.

Authors' Circle: There was a discussion of the book "Sinatra: The Chairman" by James Kaplan, and Mr. Howard will explore the possibility of an Authors Circle event for early 2016. He reported that he has been consulting with imprints within his employer, Random House on possible YA authors for events.

Ms. du Pont stressed the importance of trustees attending Author Circle events whenever possible.

Committee on Trustees: No Report

Building: Discussed previously

Friends of the Library: The Friends will be running a 2015 fundraising letter campaign. Director Loomis will work with the Friends on creating a donation envelope.

Strategic Planning: Mr. Davidson provided an update on the library's recent meeting with Gensler, who will be proposing three alternative plans for the remodeling of the Lower Level, differentiated by costs and elaborateness.

New Business: The 2016 RCLS Budget Resolution was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. du Pont , the board unanimously approved the following resolution:

The Board of Trustees of the Tuxedo Park Library approves a resolution to accept the Ramapo Catskills Library System 2016 Budget, as presented.

Upon motion by Ms. Fennell , seconded by Mr. Howard , Mr. Davidson adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gerald Howard, Trustee, on behalf of Heather Bullard, Secretary.