

**TUXEDO PARK LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2016
APPROVED**

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Present: Trustees Bullard, Davidson, du Pont, Fennell, Takeuchi, Director Loomis, and Assistant Director Brady

Absent: Trustees Howard, Sweet

Public Comments: None

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee du Pont, and seconded by Trustee Takeuchi, the October 10th Board of Trustees meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: President Davidson reported for Trustee Sweet and stated Director Loomis has forecasted the budget for the end of the year and there may be a slight surplus. The forecast includes the cost of the elevator repair. It does not include the cost of fixing window in the Media Café. S& B is working on finding the material needed to repair and not replace the window.

Director's Report: Director Loomis' report was circulated prior to the meeting. She reported that the library received the New York State Construction Grant for the Phase 1-lower level renovation project. Our recommended award amount was \$111,827 (35% of the project cost). On Election Day the library was very busy with a Despicable Me theme day, with over 41 children coming in for a craft, as well as many adult patrons. Also, the library will be selling Tuxedo Park Historic Houses, Tuxedo Park Lives, Legacy, Legends, and Tuxedo Park Gift of Nature together at a discounted rate of \$220 for in-house purchases only.

Committee Reports:

Authors' Circle: Trustee du Pont reported that we had a fabulously successful evening and day with our guest of honor, John Freeman Gill author of *The Gargoyle Hunters*. We had over 40 guests attend the Authors' Circle discussion at the library. Following the talk, the Friends hosted a sold out fundraising dinner with over 120 guests in attendance. The fundraising dinner was held at Mr. Cole Harrell and Dr. Tai Heng Cheung's home in Tuxedo Park. The Dinner Committee, led by Amra Sabic-el-Rayess and Marina Case, did a truly wonderful job and created a fun and festive atmosphere. The evening managed to raise almost \$110,000 through small donations and large donations with room naming opportunities. Trustee du Pont went on to report that we are hosting Meryl Gordon, author of a biography of Bunny Mellon on February 4th with a reception following in Tuxedo Park for the Authors Circle members. A discussion followed regarding other potential authors.

Committee on Trustees: none

Friends: Discussed earlier.

Building: No Report

Marketing: No Report

New Business: None

On a motion by President Davidson, seconded by Trustee Fennell, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard, Secretary