President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustees Barnett, Howard

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

Treasurer’s Report: President Davidson reported on behalf of the treasurer that the library was on budget for the year. We are working on getting insurance quotes, from various insurers, and this process is ongoing. The cash reserves in the bank in quite healthy, and reserved money for the lower level project is in the bank.

Directors Report: Director Loomis’ report was circulated prior to the meeting. She reported on the accounting for the start of the lower level project. She detailed the expenses paid to start the project totaling $79,239.08. Grants for 2018 have arrived totaling $106,141.00. A few unplanned expenses were discussed. Overall, the project is going well and is running on time. There has been one patron who has commented that there is limited parking with all of the construction vehicles, and the Director has asked neighbors if we can use their lots for overflow parking. Director Loomis went on to happily report that we have been awarded a $80,066 NYS Construction Grant for the next phase of the construction project, which is 47% of the phase 2 project. Then she reported preliminary Election Day statistics have come in, and reported that the libraries 2019 budget was passed with 64.4% of the vote.

Committee Reports:
Authors’ Circle: Trustee du Pont reported that Cristina Alger Wang’s Authors’ Circle talk on her new book, The Banker’s Wife, went very well and was well attended. We are working on a date this winter to have Eric Klinenberg, author of, Palaces for the Peoples, to return and be a guest at the library for an Authors’ Circle event.
Building and Grounds: Director Loomis reported that the Maple tree in the front of the building has been looked at and needs to be cut down. A discussion followed about replacing the tree and tending to the shrubbery, and LDC grant for the beautification of Tuxedo that is being funded by Tuxedo Farms.

Friends: Trustee du Pont reported on the Authors’ Circle dinner. She reported that we had the highest attendance since we have started the dinners which helped make it a huge success. After the enormous effort of fundraising last year, we decided not to focus on fundraising aspect this year, and instead focus on thanking our patrons. The total income of the party was $11,005.57. Everyone felt the event was a huge success that promoted goodwill toward the library.

Marketing: None

New Business:
President Davidson presented the following resolution to amend the by-laws.

Whereas issuance of new and amended by-laws furthers the objectives of the library, the Board of Trustees resolves that:

the By-Laws identified as “As amended and effective following the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 10, 2017” are revoked.
and
the By-Laws identified as “As amended and effective following approval at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 14, 2018” are adopted and are effective immediately.

This resolution was approved unanimously.

President Davidson then nominated Allen Barnett as a new Trustee and Treasurer, and was approved unanimously.

On the motion of President Davidson, seconded by Trustee Takeuchi, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Bullard, Secretary