

**Tuxedo Park Library**  
**May 14th, 2019**  
**Approved minutes**

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m.

Present: Trustees Barnett, Bullard, Davidson, du Pont, Fennell, Heffernan, Howard, Takeuchi, Director Loomis

Absent: Assistant Director Brady

The minutes from March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were approved unanimously. The board then approved the April 20, 2019 minutes unanimously.

Treasurers Report: President Davidson reported for Trustee Barnett. The library is running about on budget. There was a discussion on the long term Vanguard fund which has been doing very well over the past years and currently has a balance of \$160,372.

Directors Report: Director Loomis reported that the lower level renovation is going very well. The lights in the staircase have been upgraded to LED and will be a savings over time using much less electricity, and the staircase has been painted. The Director reported that she attended the town board meeting on June 13th. At that meeting, our petition layout was approved and the board approved our request to close Store Road (behind the library) for Memorial Day and put up promotional signs for the event. The Director will make up the budget petitions. We will need 30 more signatures this year. The number is based on the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. The petitions also need to be submitted to the town clerk in late June for the town approval in July which is earlier than in past years.

Committee Reports:

Authors' Circle: Trustee Howard reported that we had another great *Conversations with Katie* book talk with author Helen Ellis and her newest book, *Southern Lady Code*. The committee was looking forward to working on hosting author Benjamin Dreyer at the end of the summer, *Dreyers English: An Utterly Correct Guide to Clarity and Style*.

Committee on Trustees: None.

Building: Director Loomis reported that the windows had been cleaned, and the lower level was ready for Memorial Day Picnic.

Friends: Trustee du Pont reported that the IRS refunded a penalty the Friends received earlier this year. Also, the Friends transferred funds to the library. The lower level rooms have been named for the large donors, and Friends president, Amra Sabic-el-Rayess is hosting a dinner to honor these benefactors to thank them. On the donor wall

plaque, it was decided that any cumulative donation of \$1,000 or more from 2016 onwards will be recognized by the donors' names.

Memorial Day: Director Loomis reported that the journal is almost finalized and is 4 pages smaller than the previous year. The tricky tray table will be going out tomorrow for early sales. Trustee Takeuchi stated that the Memorial Picnic needs more volunteers.

New Business:

President Davidson made a motion for the Tuxedo Park Library Board of Trustees to approve the proposed 2020 budget that calls for a tax increase of \$16,330 over 2019 or an increase of 2.97% for a total amount of \$566,164 to be raised by taxes in 2020. This motion was passed unanimously.

On a motion by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Howard, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Bullard Secretary