

TUXEDO PARK LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2020 APPROVED

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM., via BlueJeans.com as a remote meeting due to the COVID -19.

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

Absent: Trustees du Pont, Howard

Public Comments: None

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Fennell and seconded by Trustee Bullard, the July 8th, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Comments: None

Treasurer's Report:

President Davidson reported for the treasurer. He reported that there will be an expected deficit for the 2020FY due to many factors, most brought on by COVID-19. The ERC should cover this deficit, and the library is hoping to receive \$27,000-\$28,000 through the ERC.

President Davidson went on to report that the 2 upstairs air conditioning units had broken and needed to be replaced. The cost would be around \$7,000 for each unit. Director Loomis was researching costs and getting bids for this job.

Director's Report:

Director Loomis' report was circulated prior to the meeting. Director Loomis reported that RCLS is expected to open the entire library system by September 22nd. There has been a gradual reopening of the library along with the entire RCLS system, throughout July and August. She went on to discuss the statistics of the collection circulation and how eContent continues to rise and total circulation dropped significantly due to COVID.

Committee Reports:

Authors' Circle:

Director Loomis reported that they were working on an virtual Authors' Circle program planned with author and Tuxedo Park resident, Dr. Amra-El- Rayess with Katie Rosman, discussing her book, "The Cat I Never Named." A date and time would be announced shortly.

Building and Grounds:

Director Loomis reported, as stated earlier, that the 2 air conditioning units for the upper level needed to be replaced as well as the libraries phone system. Both of these items were being researched and looking for bids to fix and replace.

Friends:

Trustee Bullard reported that because of COVID-19, the Friends were considering holding their annual fundraising dinner after author Amra-El-Rayess' book talk, and the dinner would be picked up at the library and enjoyed by patrons in their own homes.

New Business:

President Davidson reported that there would be no budget increase for 2021. He went on to say that he hoped to have an approval for the next year's budget in October.

Old Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted, Heather Bullard, Secretary