

Tuxedo Park Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Approved

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Fennell

Guest: Tris Gates-Bonarius

Public comment: None

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee du Pont and seconded by Trustee Heffernan, the April 14th Board of Trustees meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

New Business:

President Davidson amended the agenda and moved New Business to the beginning of meeting. He went on to commend Trustee Bonnie Takeuchi for her over 2 decades of service to the library and the board, and thanked her for being a great board member. President Davidson made a motion to accept Trustee Takeuchi's letter of resignation. Trustee du Pont seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

President Davidson made a motion to appoint Tris Gates-Bonarius as a new Library Trustee. Trustee Bullard seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Trustee Gates-Bonarius will fill the remainder of Trustee Takeuchi's term

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Davidson reported no major changes in the financial reports since April. He reported that the library expenses are in line with the budget, and we received the tax funding from the town.

Director's Report:

Director Loomis' report was circulated prior to the meeting. She reported that the strategic planning survey had been mailed out and the feedback has been mostly positive. She then reported that NYS construction aid to libraries increases from \$14 million to \$34 million. She reached out to WK Mechanical to investigate how we can improve the air quality and efficiency of our HVAC units; upgrading our units are eligible for the grant.

Authors' Circle:

Trustee Howard reported Bill Bryson is scheduled for Sunday, October 17th, which everyone is very excited about. It will be an OrangeREADS book event. The event will be sponsored by the Orange Library Association and all Orange County Libraries will be invited to participate.

He went on to report that he has been talking with 2 authors to schedule them about either virtual or in-person events. The first is Patrick Radden Keefe, author of "Empire of Pain" a book about the Sackler family. The second author is Debbie Applegate, author of "Madame", and this discussion would be held in early November.

Building and Grounds:

Director Loomis said that she will have a rendering for the donor wall by next week and will send it out to the trustees.

Friends: No report

Strategic Planning: Discussed during the Director's report.

Trustee Davidson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Howard and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Bullard, Secretary

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