

TUXEDO PARK LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

June 9th, 2021
APPROVED

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM., via zoom as a remote meeting due to the COVID -19.

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

Public: Gavin Maxwell

Public Comments: Gavin Maxwell introduced himself to the board and discussed his interest and love of the library and community.

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Gates-Bonarius and seconded by Trustee Heffernan, the May 12th Board of Trustees meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Barnett reported that the library's investment portfolio showed an overall gain of 7.6% and an equity gain of 12.9%. A discussion followed on the possibility of rebalancing the library's portfolio. Director Loomis reported that the lower level has an issue with the HVAC unit in the learning lab. It will either be a \$2400 repair or a \$2900 replacement on a 2-year-old unit which is out of warranty. A discussion followed on how to proceed.

Director's Report:

Director Loomis' report was circulated prior to the meeting. She explained that RCLS has a continuing education survey, which she asked the entire board to complete. The library has had several staffing changes: Pam Stockton's last day was May 28th, and Tuxedo resident Daisy Calvo started at the library June 2nd, Ginny O'Neill's last day was June 3rd, but she will be finishing up several projects. Director Loomis will be interviewing candidates for the Adult Programming Coordinator position and hope to have the position filled soon. Director Loomis went on to say that everyone is very happy that since the library has fully reopened, many regular patrons are coming in and using the facility and things are getting back to normal.

Committee Reports:

Authors' Circle: Trustee Howard reported that Patrick Radden Keefe will be discussing his new bestselling book on the Sackler family, "Empire of Pain" on October 12th 2021, and Katie Rosman will be hosting this conversation. He went on to thank to Double Day Publishing for this guest author. It may be an in person or Zoom event, Trustee Howard went on to say that he was working on several other Author's talks for the fall season, including Bill Bryson who will discuss his new book The Body via Zoom.

Committee on Trustee's: No report.

Building: No report.

Friends: No report.

Strategic Planning: Director Loomis said the strategic planning committee met and reviewed the details of the results of the community survey, and then created a number of goals for the library. The next step would be for Grace to meet with the library staff to review the goals and how to take steps to meet these goals. Then, the new draft of the strategic plan would be reviewed by the Strategic Planning committee and then reviewed by the library board for a formal review. A discussion followed.

New Business:

Director Loomis put forth a motion on the agenda for Free 2022-2026 Direct Access Plan.

President Davidson moved that we approve the plan as submitted, the motion was seconded by Trustee Howard, and approved unanimously.

Director Loomis put forth a motion to amend the "Temporary Amendment to the Library Patron Conduct Policy." President Davidson moved that we approved the amendment as presented, this motion was seconded by Trustee du Pont and was approved unanimously.

President Davidson reported that he will get out the library budget in a draft form within the week and then schedule a special meeting for Wednesday June 16th to discuss and ratify the proposed budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullard Secretary