

TUXEDO PARK LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2021

Approved Minutes

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

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

Absent: None

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Barnett, the Board of Trustees meeting September minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Barnett reported that the operating budget is on target for the year. President Davidson went on to report that the budget is on track, but it is predicated on an \$11,000 refund arriving from the IRS. Paychex, our payroll company, has been negligent and unresponsive in helping us file the documents needed to receive the refund and is likely the reason we have not received it. The library will reach out to paychex in a more aggressive way to get the help needed to resolve this issue.

Director's Report:

Director Loomis's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The director reported the OrangeREADS special event, Author Bill Bryson in Conversation with Gerry Howard, will take place on Sunday, October 17th. We currently have 55 Tuxedo patrons registered. Thanks to Trustee Tris Gates-Bonarius for helping us promote the event on social media.

Director Loomis went on to report on Saturday, October 23rd early voting for the general election begins. There are 7 propositions/proposals on the back of the ballot. To remind our patrons that the library budget prop is item 7, she developing an informational handout and display on the props for the main floor circulation area.

She followed up by stating this week the New York Public Library announce a major policy shift: all late fines have been eliminated going forward and all prior late fines and replacement fees have been cleared so that everyone gets a clean slate. At the moment, 22 libraries in the RCLS system are fine free for everyone or fine free for specific groups like seniors or children.

Committee Reports:

Authors' Circle:

Trustee Howard reported that Patrick Radden Keefe was our guest author last night, discussing his latest best-selling book, *Empire of Pain*, in a conversation with Katie Rosman, a NY times reporter and Tuxedo Park resident. It was a hugely successful event both in person and streaming through video, discussing the difficult subject of opioids.

He went on to report that next week, he will be in conversation with Bill Bryson for an OrangeREADS special event on Sunday, October 17th discussing his new book, *The Body*, via Zoom.

Trustee Howard went on to report that author Debbie Applegate wrote a book which be published at the beginning of November, *Madame*. We are hoping to have her as a guest author for an event in January.

Building and Grounds:

Director Loomis reported that the air conditioning parts have been ordered and we are waiting to get them installed and fixed. The lower level lights have been fixed, and there seems to be a small water mark on the blinds in the lower level and we are having it looked at in case there is a leak and get it fixed before it becomes a bigger issue.

Friends:

No report.

Strategic planning:

Director Loomis reported that a draft of the report has gone to RCLS and then will come back to the board in the December board meeting.

New Business:

Director Loomis and President Davidson reported on the RCLS 2022 Budget resolution. Thanks to the reinstatement of state aid and a change in the library's PC replacement schedule, the impact of this budget on TPL is minimal.

President Davidson made a motion to pass the following budget resolution:

"The board of Trustees of the Tuxedo Park Library Approves a resolution to accept the Ramapo Catskills Library System 2022 Budget, as presented."

Trustee Howard seconded the motion. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard, Secretary