

**Tuxedo Park Library
November 10, 2021
Approved Minutes**

President Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Present: Bullard, Davidson, Fennell, Gates-Bonarius, Heffernan, Howard, and Director Loomis

Absent: Trustees Barnett, Assistant Director Sandak

Minutes: On a motion by President Davidson and seconded by Trustee Fennell, the Board of Trustees meeting October minutes were approved as submitted unanimously.

Absent: Trustees Barnett, Assistant Director

Treasurer's report:

President Davidson reported for the treasurer. There were no big surprises or changes this month. He reported that the Library's fiscal year will end up showing a deficit because we are counting on part of the IRS refund check coming through and it doesn't look like it's going to happen before the end of the year. A letter will be going out to Paychex, to their head of service/senior executive and see if they can amend our returns. Trustee Howard suggested reaching out to other libraries about the ERC payments and to see if any other libraries received it and to see if they had similar issues with Paychex.

Director's report:

Director Loomis reported on the construction allocation, we have been approved for 50% of our construction costs for the main floor HVAC project. This project will be for work done in September of 2022. OrangeREADS event was extremely well received, and had hugely positive feedback for both Gerry and Bill Bryson. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all of Orange County. A discussion followed about the construction grants.

Committee

Authors' Circle:

Trustee Howard reported, that, "Madam", by Debby Applegate will be a Feb 6th Authors' Circle event. This book is about NYC's most famous madam in the 1920's. On April 3rd, we will be hosting Janice Nimura, about her book, "The Doctors Blackwell". It profiles two sisters who brought medicine to women in 1849, and were involved in the abolitionist movement. The author's agent is Elaine Mason who grew up in Tuxedo Park, and her agent is Rob McQuilkin who also lives in Tuxedo Park. And the last event that is being worked on is, "All the Frequent Trouble of our Days", written by Rebecca Donner, about an American woman who was involved in the German underground during WW2.

Friends:

Director Loomis reported that she was in touch with Friends President, Amra Sabic-El-Rayess. Amra will be working on the annual fundraising appeal letter to go out to the community.

Strategic Planning:

Director Loomis reported that the plan will be circulated and brought before the board next month.

New Business:

Director Loomis went on to discuss an amendment to the Patron Conduct Policy. It would remove the line that states, people must wear a mask when unvaccinated. The rules keep changing as the pandemic changes and this change would allow flexibility to change with the NY state laws coming from the NY State governor

Motion: To approve the revised "Temporary Amendment to the Library Patron Conduct" as presented.

President Davidson put forth the motion and Trustee Fennell seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Trustee Davidson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Bullard, Secretary