

Tuxedo Park Library
February 9th, 2022
Approved Minutes

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

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

Absent: Trustee Fennell

Minutes: On a motion by President Davidson, and seconded by Trustee Gates-Bonarius, the annual minutes and the January 12th minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Comments: None

Finance:

President Davidson reported that there were no major changes in finances. The town should get the library the tax check shortly, which will enable the library to be in good shape financially moving forward. There have been no unexpected expenses this past month. The finance committee will be working on the budget for next year in the next several months.

Director's report:

Director Loomis's report was circulated prior to this meeting. Tuxedo Park Trilogy book sales did very well this year. The Library and the Fire Department split the profits and this year in sales ever and we are very grateful to all who made us part of these great books.

Nancy Kaufer, who worked as a clerk library for many years, applied for the position of the adult programmer and will start her new position next week. While Daisy Calvo is out on disability, Kasey Sikorsky from Monroe will temporarily fill her position.

Battle of the Books planning has started, and *The Cat I Never Named* by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess is the nonfiction title. The Library is looking to put together a group of teens who are in 6-12th grade to participate as members of the Tuxedo team to participate in the bowl.

She went on to mention there is a trend across the country where people are challenging books or trying to ban books at library. TPL has a collection development policy in place for purchasing material. TPL has not had any issues with patrons challenging books.

The mask policy in NY is changing as of tomorrow, and wearing masks will be optional. The Tuxedo Park Library is following the NYS mask guidelines for the public and the Hero Act for staff.

Authors' Circle:

Trustee Howard reported that Debbie Applegate's Authors Talk on Sunday was a huge success and everyone had a great time. Her book *Madam*, was very well received and led to a wonderful discussion and event. The next event is on April 3rd with Janice Nimura in conversation with Katie Rosman. Trustee Howard went on to discuss several books and authors that are possibilities for our next guest authors.

Building and Maintenance:

Director Loomis reported that the air conditioning project will take place this summer. She went on to report that RCLS received the funding to enhance the wifi signal for libraries and will help the TPL install a wifi access point to extend our wifi signal outside the library. Director Loomis will be working with S&B to install the CAT 6 cable.

Friends:

Trustee Bullard reported that she had been in touch with Friend's president Amra Sabic-El-Rayess and that they would like to host a fundraiser this coming year and were working on setting a date for a meeting to start planning an event. President Davidson went on to report that the library will need to get an additional signer on the Friends' account since the Treasurer has resigned from the Friends group.

Memorial Day Meeting:

Director Loomis reported that Claudia has once again graciously offered to run the Memorial Day picnic. The first meeting is this Saturday at 830 am.

The February Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 and the board went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullard, Secretary