

Tuxedo Park Library
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting APPROVED
September 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:53 p.m.

Attendance:

In attendance at the Library: Trustees: Tony Davidson, Noreen Fennell, Gerry Howard

Remote attendance: Tris Gates Bonarius 21 Lookout Road, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987; Claudia Bakhtiary
120 Fairfield Drive, Bloomington, IN 47404

Library Staff: Diane Loomis, Kathy Sandak, Deirdre O'Keefe

Mr. Davidson welcomed all the attendees to the meeting.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Davidson, and seconded by Mr. Howard, the minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Davidson reported that the finances were reviewed and that the budget and forecast matched as expected. An audit of the finances was completed, the report is pending. Mr. Davidson stated that the Library is in a healthy financial position.

Director's Report: In October the 1st floor HVAC unit will be replaced, of the 5 zones only 1 zone is currently working.

The Library will be participating in the 10th anniversary of National Voter Registration Day on the 20th of September.

Ms Loomis shared the recent NY Gun Law Changes, which restricted carrying of Concealed Weapons in Sensitive Locations. Libraries are identified as Sensitive locations, and TPL's Patron Code of Conduct already states that Firearms and other deadly weapons are not permitted on Library grounds.

The Backpacks for Birding program has been well received.

The installation of additional borrowable WiFi hot spots will be deferred to 2023, patrons can currently access WiFi in the Library parking lot.

Committee Reports

Authors' Circle: The next event is scheduled for November 13th, Richard Cohen: Making History. Pending further programming, several possible authors have been mentioned (LA in the Sixties; Tony Hiss: Rescuing the Planet). Mr. Davidson emphasized that exceptional authors were brought to the library so far this year.

Building: Several projects are on the horizon: HVAC project, repair of the front steps, and replacement of some of the building lights.

Friends of the Library: Mr. Davidson has contacted the Friends of the Library to get transfers set up from the Friends account to the Library account. A follow up meeting has been scheduled for September 30th to discuss further.

New Business:

Ms. Loomis reviewed the Material Selection and Objections policy with the board. Mr. Howard asked if there was material removed or questioned in the past, Ms. Loomis stated only one DVD was questioned during the time that she has been at the library. Mr. Howard suggested to document possible future objections.

Banned Book Week will be observed from 18-Sep to 24-Sep.

Old Business:

Tuxedo Farms - Mr. Davidson responded to Town Supervisor K. English and the Lawyer regarding Tuxedo Farms, sharing that the discussion around the Library is not on an urgent path.

ILS Agreement – Mr. Davidson spoke with RCLS Executive Director Grace Riario to gain further clarification around the agreement and cost structure. Motion to accept the ISL Agreement was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Howard, unanimously accepted by the board.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Howard.

Respectfully submitted by Claudia Bakhtiary.