

Tuxedo Park Library
Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting
November 9th, 2022
Approved

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present at the Library: Trustees Bakhtiary, Bullard, Davidson, Fennell, Howard, and Director Loomis

Remote attendance: Tris Gates-Bonarius 21 Lookout Road, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987, Assistant Director Sandak, Tuxedo Park Library, 227 Route 17, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

Minutes:

On a motion made by President Davidson and seconded by Trustee Howard, the October 12th minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

President Davidson reported that there were no surprises in the library's finances this month. We are waiting for the next tax payment in February to arrive.

Meanwhile, we have the cash to pay for the HVAC project which we will receive half back from the state for this project. We are purchasing the plaque for the lower level donor wall and hoping to hang it soon. Director Loomis has been working with a company to have it made and production should start soon.

The library's balance is a little elevated right now which is from the ERC funds that have been deposited. This money remains in the library accounts.

Director's report:

The Director's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Director Loomis reported that the HVAC project was completed, and we now have a programmable thermostat. The job was finished in 6-7 days and was not too disturbing to patrons or staff. Lights have been fixed in the vestibule. A patron mentioned that the light on the sidewalk was dim, and a discussion continued on how to address that problem.

The digital sign stopped working on the main floor, and was replaced.

The main wifi access point needs to be replaced, and will be installed by RCLS at a cost of is \$1,646.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

A discussion of sidewalk lights was discussed during the Director's report.

Authors' Circle:

Trustee Howard reported that we are looking forward to having a great event with Richard Cohen, "Making History" this Sunday, November 13th at 3 pm with a reception following at the Howard's home.

New Business:

President Davidson proposed that we put forth the slate of officers for the December meeting. We are currently looking for new members of the Memorial Day Committee and a new board treasurer.

A discussion followed about Election Day. 61% voted for the library budget and it seems that people recognize and value the library as a valuable asset to the town, which is appreciated.

The new museum passes for 2023 will be Opus 40, a sculpture park.

Director Loomis reported on the sustainability libraries initiative and gave all trustees an informational booklet. If the Tuxedo Park Library participates, they would have to follow a program set up by NYSPL and have certain sustainable policies in place, some of which we already have accomplished on our own. Some ideas are: switching lights to LED, geothermal heat, solar energy, community solar projects. President Davidson suggested the trustees go through the booklet and go on the website and review it, to discuss at a further date. This program is through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative.

President Davidson closed the meeting at 8:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard
Secretary