

Tuxedo Park Library
May 18th, 2023
Approved Minutes

Present: Trustees Bakhtiary, Bullard, Davidson, Fennell, Howard, Director Loomis, and Assistant Director Sandak.

Remote: Tris Gates-Bonaire, 21 Lookout Rd, Tuxedo Park NY 10987

Absent: None

Treasurer's Report:

President Davidson reported for the Treasurer. He reported that during the Finance meeting which was held earlier in the evening, they discussed how to move forward on diversifying the libraries cash into short term cd's. A discussion continued on bank insurance, and diversifying a small amount of cash with a 1-3 month cd though the Vanguard account into a NY State CD account. Then next year, try to position the library with a more structured approach to try and put cash to work without additional risk. The budget is on target this year.

Director's report:

The Director reported the Tuxedo Park Libraries construction project for the HVAC has been approved. The state will send the final pay amount of \$2,709 which is the final 10 % of the grant is awarded.

We have a new service called Tutor.com. It is a live Tutor help that students can get help online virtually through the library card in their library account. The service is available through any internet connected device. Patrons can choose to connect through text or voice and is available in a variety of subjects and test prep areas 7 days a week from 2p.m.- 9p.m.

Marie Agneta is leaving the library and we will miss her very much, and we are now looking for a new Publicity and Social Media Coordinator.

Authors' Circle:

Trustee Howard reported that he spoke with Dale Jenkins who has written a book about the Bombing of Pearl Harbor and it would be great to schedule an Authors' Circle for the fall. The book, The Wager, written by David Grann.

Building and Grounds:

The directors report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Director reported that there is a new leak on the 2nd floor through a vent. Precision roofing came and said there are seams that need to get sealed, a few slate tiles that need to be replaced,

and a cap on the vent pipe put on, and the gutters cleaned out. The board discussed this repair and approved the repair work which will be paid out of the building and grounds budget. The director went on to report that Jeff Gundermann met with her to discuss a list of items that the library needs repaired and he may be able to assist in putting forward application for the town grant. A discussion began on putting a table and benches outside for the summer and asking Lorde next door who owns the land if they would agree to that.

Memorial Day: Trustee Bakhtiary reported that the last meeting is on Saturday morning and everyone is looking forward to having a great day. The journal is almost done and we are still looking for volunteers.

New Business:

President Davison put forth the 2024 budget for the Board to vote on. The proposed 2024 budget reflects our commitment to caring for our building, supporting library staff, maintaining services, managing cost increases and implementing objectives set forth in our strategic plan. The total change for the town of Tuxedo from 2023- 2024 increase is 2.92%.

President Davidson made the following motion:

The Tuxedo Park Library Board of Trustees approves the proposed 2024 budget that calls for a tax increase of \$17,584 over 2023 or an increase of 2.92% for a total amount of \$618,150 to be raised by taxes in 2024.

Trustee Fennel, Trustee Howard seconded, and the 2024 budget was approved unanimously.

President Davidson proposed that we move \$25,000 from our operating account into a N.Y. CD and Trustee Howard seconded and unanimously approved.

The May 2023 Meeting was adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Heather Bullard, Secretary