

Tuxedo Park Library
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting APPROVED
December 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Attendance:

Trustees: Tony Davidson, Noreen Fennell, Claudia Bakhtiary; remote attendance: Gerry Howard, Tris Gates Bonarius; absent Heather Bullard
Library Staff: Diane Loomis, Kathy Sandak

Mr. Davidson welcomed all the attendees to the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Davidson, and seconded by Ms. Fennell, the minutes of the November 08th, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Davidson stated that the tax payments from the town are expected in the Jan/Feb timeframe. Looking into the option to invest in short-term CDs, but will research options and seek input from RCLS. Currently there are no short-term expenditures on the horizon, long-term expenditures are fire panel maintenance; outside cameras and current data storage capacity; back up computer server, current system is close to end of life

Director's Report: The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Committee Reports

Authors' Circle: Eric Klinenberg is in the process of publishing a new book (What did Covid do to us) targeting mid-February 2024. Maybe an event can be scheduled for March or April 2024.

Board member Gates Bonarius also might have a lead for the author's circle, her brother is also publishing a book.

Building: S&B Landscaping will continue to support the library until the end of 2023, and then provide a new estimate for landscaping and snow removal for 2024.

Friends of the Library: The Annual Appeal was kicked off on 29th of November 2023 with a mailing. Thanks go to Board member Howard, who supported this effort by creating the letter. As of 08th of December \$6,300 were received in donations.

New Business:

- Mr. Davidson made the motion to accept the 2024 slate of Board of Trustees Officers, seconded by Ms. Fennell, motion was approved unanimously
 - President, Tony Davidson
 - Vice-President, Gerry Howard
 - Secretary, Heather Bullard
 - Treasurer, TBD

- Juneteenth Holiday Discussion
 - The holiday schedule of all RCLS member libraries was reviewed, Mr. Davidson stated the resolution to propose to make Juneteenth a Holiday, seconded by Ms. Fennell, the resolution passed unanimously

- Review of parking space requirements for public buildings in the Town of Tuxedo
 - Ms. Bakhtiary will collect information and present the findings at the next Board meeting

Old Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Claudia Bakhtiary.