

**Tuxedo Park Library
Annual Meeting Minutes Approved
January 10th, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

Attendance:

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

Remote: Trustee Tris Gates Bonaris

Absent: none

Public comment: none

New Business:

Trustee Fennell started the meeting by reappointing Trustees Davidson, Howard and Bakhtiary. All trustees accepted and were unanimously reappointed.

Then the proposed slate of officers for 2024 were unanimously reappointed. Tony Davidson for President, Gerry Howard for vice president and Heather Bullard for secretary, and treasurer to be determined.

Trustee Fennell then reappointed committee members, and Trustee Tris Gates Bonarus was appointed unanimously onto the Nominating Committee, as well as joining the Friends committee.

Director Loomis brought forward the Conflict of Interest Annual Review and reaffirmation, where trustee Bullard stated she sometimes offers catering which is at cost or donated, Trustee Howard stated that he often helps find Authors for the authors events held at the library, and Trustee Gates Bonaris explained that she has helped the library with Meta/social media. All Trustees agreed there is no conflict of Interest with any of these trustees.

President Davidson went on to discuss the "Tax Cap Override Resolution." President Davidson moved that we approved the Tax Cap Override Resolution.

Whereas, the adoption of the 2025 budget for the Tuxedo Park Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Tuxedo Park Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2025 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 10, 2024.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

President Davidson ended the annual meeting at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard

Tuxedo Park Library
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting unapproved
January 10th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:49 pm

Attendance:

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

Remote: Trustee Tris Gates Bonaris

Absent: none

Minutes: The December 2023 minutes were approved unanimously

Treasurer's report:

President Davidson reported for the treasurer, and stated that the library's financials are on track for the year within a few thousand dollars without the designated money from the fundraising accounts. The annual fundraising appeal letter has raised approximately 15,000.

Director's report:

Director Loomis reported that Bill Fairclough, from S & B, will continue to generously donate the snow removal for the rest of the season. Bill will put together an estimate for the summer lawn care for 2024. She went on to report that the library received an Engagement Grant from RCLS for libraries who develop new programs or services aimed at some or all of NYS target populations. This grant will focus on seniors and wellness programs in the library.

Congratulations to Nancy Kaufer for writing the winning grant application. The director went on to report on trustee education. She explained that several programs are happening within the next few months and will be posting a schedule for future events.

Committee Reports:

Authors' Circle: Trustee Howard reported that Eric Klinenberg, will be speaking at the library about his new book, **2020: One City, Seven People, and the Year Everything Changed**, on March 10th 2024. Trustee Howard suggested that we reach out to higher education facilities, as well as hospitals and public health officials in our area and invite them to attend. Director Loomis went on to report that a fellow Tuxedo resident Rowena Scherer has published a book, **Tastes of the World**, based on her company Eat to Explore, which will be held on April 7th, 2024. She will discuss her book with Katie Rosman and present a cooking demonstration. Following the library event, she will host a reception at her home.

Building and Grounds: Director Loomis stated that the grant application for renovations to the library grounds has been submitted to the town, and we are waiting for their decision.

Friends of the library: No report.

New Business:

President Davidson discussed the proposed CD investment plan. After some discussion, the Finance committee recommended an adjusted strategy for our funds and amended the CD investment plan.

A discussion followed regarding the parking lot owned by the building next door, and possible sale of the building and lot. It was determined that President Davidson would reach out to the town board and supervisor to request a meeting and discussion about the parking lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard