

## **Tuxedo Park Library**

### **Meeting of the Board of Trustees - UNAPPROVED**

**February 18, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Trustees Davidson, Howard, Poggioli, Bakhtiary, Fennell, Gates-Bonarius, Assistant Director Sandak, and Director Loomis.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from January 2026 regular and annual meetings. Motion made by Director Davidson and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Poggioli reported that although it is still early in the fiscal year all our financials are in order. Director Loomis reported that she has purchased CDs totaling \$433,000 to earn interest on our operating income. Director Davidson expressed a strong desire that we look into our utility contracts and leave ample time to find less expensive alternatives if necessary.

Director Loomis reported that it was necessary to hire Precision Roofing to remove an ice dam above the ramp door, at a cost of \$828. It was suggested that we look into the possibility of installing an electrical device to thaw ice buildups in the future.

Director's Report: Director Loomis circulated her report prior to the meeting. She reported that she attended the Library Advocacy Day in Albany and met with our Assemblyman Karl Brabenec and the chief of staff for State Senator James Skoufis. She showed the board a one-page handout illustrating some of the library's activities underwritten by grants from Skoufis, which impressed his chief of staff.

Authors' Circle: Trustee Howard's event for his book THE INSIDER has been rescheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be an event on April 12 with Amanda Vaill, who will discuss her book PRIDE AND PLEASURE: THE SCHUYLER SISTERS IN AN AGE OF REVOLUTION. We will be making every effort to lean into the fact that the subject of this book has strong local connections and interest, in this year of the country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Trustee Howard will also be in conversation with author Alexis Coe about her George Washington biography, YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR FIRST, at the Warwick Free Library on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This book is an Orange County Reads selection.

Building: Director Loomis continues to research a wireless replacement for the land-line alarm and communication system currently in our elevator, which is obsolete. Price is an issue.

Town: No resolution as yet regarding the town's offer to purchase the building and land adjacent to the library, which includes part of our parking lot. Trustee Fennell reports that the sales of new homes in Tuxedo Reserve are going well, and the first residents are scheduled to move in in October of this year. Outreach to this new community on the part of the Library was discussed

Memorial Day: Trustee Bakhtiary reported that meetings have begun and a search for new volunteers for the committee is ongoing.

Strategic Planning: The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th. In attendance will be RCLS director Grace Riario, Trustees Poggioli and Bakhtiary, Director Loomis and residents Diane Brooks, Penny Winters and Allegra Stein.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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