

Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, October 24, 2019

Attending,

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,
Peter Keil, Valerie S. Lalli, Rosemarie Marcus, and Susan Randol.
Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Absent, Susan Morduch and Michael Wiskind. Joann D'Emilio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 8:11 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2019. Corrections. Dr. Lorraine Kuhn, Ardsley's Stormwater Management Coördinator, was not credited for her work in the installation of a Library rain barrel and containment of polluted stormwater runoff.

In the Director's Report, the numbers listed were largely incorrect. Set right:

Total July circulation, 8,098. Total August circulation, 7,642.

*Inter-Library loans. One category, loans sent, is tracked by us in-house: for July, 1,371.
For August, 1,339.*

People Count for July, also in-house — 7,593 for the twenty-six days open, two hundred ninety-two a day. PC, August, 6,903 — 26 — 266.

Finally, the Village Manager, not the Village Manger, sent a statement prescribing sexual harassment awareness training. Hafiz Akram, of the Village Manager's office, the sender of the October 7th directive, should have been named.

With these Valerie Lalli moved to accept, Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and the corrected minutes were carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report. For a voucher report dated October 18, 2019, Susan Randol motioned to pay bills totaling \$157,507.36 as submitted on the abstract prepared by Theresa Del Grosso in the Village Treasurer's office; Valerie Lalli seconded, and this motion was also carried unanimously. (The reason for the larger-than-usual voucher summary, \$151,295 for the reimbursement for staff benefits.)

President's Report

New Business — none.

Old Business — Susan Randol and Susan Morduch will meet with the Village Board on Monday, November 4th.

Angela and Peter will go to the Rose Peña/Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame luncheon, December 6 (11:30 to 3), at the Tarrytown Marriott.

Rosemarie Marcus continued her report on the current Friends activities:

The Friends's fundraising appeal has been mailed.

The date of the Friends improv night at the firehouse has been set: Saturday, January 11th. Tickets are twenty-five dollars each.

Director's Report

Circulation totals.

Total September circulation, 7,607.

Inter-Library loans, September. Total, 2,527. Received, 1,258; sent, 1,269.

People Count for September — 5,617 for the twenty-five days open, two hundred twenty-five a day.

What's New @ . . .

We have an application for use of the Community Room from a local licensed real estate broker for one hour the first week of December. Our fee, one hundred dollars.

Our Literary Lions ranked third in the county in the Battle of the Books!

Dr. William Reszelbach, *Culprits of the Nuremberg Trials*, a talk on October 19th.

(The actual talk was on modern history and the speaker's family's survival.)

Twenty-four attended the somber discussion.

Evan Weiner will speak on *The Early Days of Television*, Saturday, December 7th, 1:00 to 3:00.

The Larchmont Library called Angela to offer several pieces of furniture, of high-quality, like-new chairs and a table. Marianne Ripin and Angela Groth picked them up and tended to their installation.

Finally, Angela distributed copies of the Fall, 2019, issue of *Trustee*, the thin quarterly journal of the Library Trustees Association of New York, Albany. It was once mailed to the homes of the trustees, and may be again, now for a ten-dollar-a-year, four-issue subscription. Floyd Lichtenberg, *October 28, 1919, won their Velma K. Moore Award in 1993.

Building Maintenance — A cleaner, not a regular, caused a flood, however pristine, in the adult-side *salle de bain*, extending to the hall and then to the furnace room. He apologized. Once the floor and carpet dried, no lasting damage.

The solitary tile, near the circ desk, loose for quite a while, is now secure: *DPW*.

And, the "lip" that was an encumbrance to wheel-chair-bound patrons at the Library entrance, now smoothed over. *Also DPW*.

Outside Maintenance — Lorraine Kuhn called on November 20th to report on the progress of the rain barrel, the site on the building and other issues of a proposed installation. Water from the barrel may be used in our garden areas, she said, as nothing edible is produced there.

From the Village Board Liaison — no report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25.

The next meeting, Thursday, November 21, 2019, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil
November 19, 2019