

Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, March 28, 2019

Attending,

Stephanie Bonney, President,
Peter Keil, Valerie S. Lalli, Rosemarie Marcus, Susan Randol, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director.*

Absent, Susan Morduch;
Joann D'Emilio, *Village Board Liaison.*

Call to Order, 8:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2019. One clarification. Under *Outdoor Maintenance*, the visit of Deirdre Carsto, the landscape designer at Rosedale Nurseries, was on Monday, March 5th, not in February. (The visit is part of the planning stage for changes the Garden Club will propose (and that will be covered by a grant). Susan Randol motioned to accept the minutes, Valerie Lalli seconded, and they were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. For a voucher report dated March 27, 2019 (12:14 P.M.), Michael Wiskind motioned to pay bills totaling \$6,005.12 as submitted on the abstract prepared by Theresa Del Grosso in the Village Treasurer's office. Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and this motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Old Business. Preparing the last part of next year's budget, Angela, Stephanie, Valerie, and Michael attended a Village Board meeting on March 26th. The next day, Angela met with the Village Manager. A prominent spending issue affecting next year's budget came up because of this month's earlier-than-expected retirement of Mary Boyajian from the staff roster. And, Jennifer Stasko will step down, and into Mary's role, in June, a change that also changes next year's funding. Also spotlighted, issues about the book budget and increases in insurance costs. Angela's assessment after these two meetings — the Manager and Board understood the situation and that the resulting budget decided on in April would reflect things positively for the Library.

Susan Morduch and Susan Randol were credited with explaining, in earlier sessions, our perspectives to the Village Board.

The search for the new president of the Friends continues, and a meeting of prospectives will be held April 1st.

New Business. None to report.

Director's Report.

Circulation totals for February, 2019, 7,737.

Total Intra-Library Loans for February, 2,632. Received, 1,645; sent, 987.

People Count for March, 4,837 — an average of 230 per day for the twenty-one days open.

What's New @ . . .

Evergreen, the new WLS-initiated circulation and cataloging system, went online in early March. Some problems came up, with lost holds reported as the most prominent. Patron in-home facility has rough spots. At the Library, the system requires extra steps in checking in and out, and the print size on hold slips was too small. About that last, though, our clerk, Davide Roman (now, legally, Keshet Roman), engineered a readable solution — a step now followed WLS-wide.

Enviro-Master Services [<https://www.enviro-master.info>] continues its maintenance and is working well.

Building Maintenance — Several ledges, the areas in front of windows in the Children's Library, are deteriorating.

Waiting for the Historic Plaque, or the DPW — the solitary loose tile in front of the circulation desk.

The elevette continues to need, and to receive, skill to operate and tolerance from the few who ride in it.

Outside Maintenance — The Garden Club received their grant (a thousand dollars), muscle behind their soon-to-be proposal to add native plants to the grounds. They will also propose removing certain non-native plants.

Done: a spring cleanup, with some hefty cutbacks.

If the budget allows, a durable table in the Floyd Lichtenberg. [Flash, April — The Garden Club will pay.]

Report from the Village Board Liaison — none made tonight.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:06.

The next meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2019, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
April 25, 2019.