

Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, July 25, 2019

Attending,

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

Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Joann D'Emilio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 8:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2019. With no substantial corrections, Rosemarie Marcus moved to accept the last meeting's minutes, and Susan Randol seconded — carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. For a voucher report dated July 24, 2019, Michael Wiskind motioned to pay bills totaling \$29,420.12 as submitted on the abstract prepared by Theresa Del Grosso in the Village Treasurer's office; Susan Randol seconded — and this motion was also carried unanimously.

President's Report

New Business — With no August meeting scheduled, Board members were asked to approve the August bills on Thursday, August 22nd. A minimum is required of four in-person signatures.

Old Business — Rosemarie Marcus continued her report on the current Friends activities.

She acknowledged Valerie and Ken Lalli's design for a logo for the museum passes. Rosemarie reported the continuing appeal of the Friends to local merchants to sponsor these passes, with appropriate publicized acknowledgement.

Bookmarks and posters will promote donations to the Friends.

Rosemarie acknowledged Susan Morduch's presentation to the Summer Readers, July 18th, a cautionary tale on summer slides.

Director's Report

Circulation totals. The back-and-forth on the accuracy of the current monthly circulation figures continues. New month, figures from past years have become suspect, Angela reported. Nevertheless she persisted:

Total June circulation, 7,402. For June, 2018, 7,918; for June, 2017, 8,303.

This trend, Angela also reported, is WLS-wide, and now seen as suspect.

Inter-Library loans. One category, *loans sent*, is tracked by us in-house: for June, 846.

People Count for June, also in-house — a robust 6,704 for the twenty-five days open, two hundred sixty-eight a day. Compare last month's: 6,192/26/236.

Angela's statement from her report: We have been having a tough time with our computers. Between the malware and ransomware attacks on our servers, the IT department at WLS has been working around the clock to restore our settings, with mixed

results. Unfortunately this has spurred on a mutiny of grumpy directors, almost as if they've just awoken from a deep slumber. I expect changes in the future.

What's New @ . . .

The summer Reading Clubs have been well-attended by enthusiastic participants. Celebrating the lunar landing was one part of a diverse, all-age roster of programs.

Building Maintenance — nothing new to report.

Outside Maintenance — Angela reported an issue of wheelchair access following a patron's comment. A two-inch lip, a small step, on a walkway will have to be remedied.

The Garden Club is buying a bench for the Library, and, in turn, was given \$160.00 by the Library for other expenses. A second dogwood tree has been planted.

October 1st, a daytime lecture by the Garden Club in the Library proper: native plants and natural gardens.

Arlene Weston reports that the Club is preparing a required audit as a fulfillment of the grant from Plant America [<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america.aspx>].

Report from the Village Board Liaison.

Joann D'Emilio connected Valerie to Lorraine Kuhn, Parks & Recreation Supervisor — information on a rain barrel installation. Details to follow.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:11.

The next meeting, Thursday, September 26, 2019, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
July 25, 2019.