

Minutes

Ardsey Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, September 26, 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, 8:02 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2019. One correction to make. Dr. Lorraine Kuhn, in the Village Liaison's report, was noted as Parks & Recreation Supervisor. Dr. Kuhn is the Ardsley Stormwater Management Coördinator. With this, Susan Randol moved to accept the last meeting's minutes, and Michael Wiskind seconded — carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. With no August meeting, two months of bills to approve.

For a voucher report dated August 20, 2019, Michael Wiskind motioned to pay bills totaling \$6,090.71 as submitted on the abstract prepared by Theresa Del Grosso in the Village Treasurer's office; Valerie Lalli seconded — and this motion was carried unanimously.

For a voucher report dated September 23, 2019, Michael Wiskind motioned to pay bills totaling \$8,966.19 as submitted on a second abstract prepared by Theresa Del Grosso in the Village Treasurer's office; Susan Randol seconded — and this motion, too, carried unanimously.

President's Report

New Business — A discussion planning the meeting of Susan Morduch and Susan Randol with the Village Board in November. The dates of the 4th and 18th are possible, with the 4th preferred. Contacting the Mayor about the date was also discussed.

Old Business — Ardsley Cares Day is October 26th; the Library will participate in collecting books for a sale that day. Perspective on the nature and history of this event are in a detailed article in a 2018 *Enterprise* article: <https://www.ardsleypta.org/ardsley-cares.html>.

Rosemarie Marcus continued her report on the current Friends activities:

Tonight's meeting followed a just-finished Friends meeting between Rosemarie and several new participants.

Continuing, the appeal to local merchants for museum-pass support, though enthusiasm from them has not necessarily been robust.

Rosemarie presented a newly designed poster of Valerie and Ken Lalli's design, alerting Library patrons to Friends's activities. Approved unanimously.

A Friends' fundraiser in the Firehouse spotlighting an Ardsley improv group, and asking twenty-five dollars an attendee, is being scheduled for January, 2020.

Director's Report

Circulation totals. The problem of the accuracy of the WLS numbers persists.

Total July circulation, 6,727. Total August circulation, 6,333.

Inter-Library loans. One category, *loans sent*, is tracked by us in-house: *for July, 1,331. For August, 1,318.*

People Count for July, also in-house — 7,693 for the twenty-six days open, two hundred ninety-six a day. *PC, August, 6,903 — 26 — 266.*

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The Village Manger sent a statement prescribing sexual harassment training for all Library personnel, staff, pages, and Board members. Date to be completed: Wednesday, October 9th. Exemptions: pre-existing certification from other employment, etc. Execution: online testing, supplied by the Village.

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A lengthy discussion of conference attendance for Angela and for Marianne Ripin. The facets included a consideration of the expense, which conference to attend, and the time (this year or next).

What's New @ . . .

Compliments to our augmented staff complement: Angela announced her hiring of two clerks, Callie Rosenberg, as of June 5, 2019 (all that follow are 2019), and Alex Fitz-Gibbon, as June 10th; and her hiring of three pages, Aaron Bradford, February 7th, Jennifer Bonney, July 9th, and Joyce Levy, August 5th. A motion to approve the hiring was made by Susan Randol, seconded by Peter Keil, and approved unanimously.

Among the August events: an acting workshop, Monday, August 12th, for children 6 to 10; Puppet Pals, the 16th; Stage-Struck, another theater-exercise program, this shared with adults, the 23rd; an Off-to-Kindergarten program, the 29th; and balloon sculpting, the 30th.

For September: Remembering Woodstock, with David Fruci, Saturday, September 21st.

Building Maintenance — Outside Maintenance — nothing new to report.

Report from the Village Board Liaison. Rose Peña has been inducted into Westchester County's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame in recognition of more than fourteen years of service to the Village, and especially to the Library. Eighty inductees will be honored at a lunch on December 6th at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown. Rose, though, can not attend.

The Village has retained Pace University to assist in the process of finalizing the Comprehensive Plan. The goal: a draft available for public review in the next two months (or less).

No idling: *Village Food Truck*, October 12th; *Village Garage Sale*, the 19th; & *Trunk or Treat*, the 26th.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

The next meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2019, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil, October 24, 2019.