

Minutes

*Ardley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, November 19, 2020*

[ZOOM, *online format.*]

Attending

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,
Matthew Gonzales, Lauren Hadi, Peter Keil, Valerie S. Lalli,
Rosemarie Marcus, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Joann D'Emelio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 7:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, September 29, 2020, and of Thursday, October 22, 2020, were approved unanimously following a motion by Matthew Gonzales, seconded by Rosemarie Marcus.

Treasurer's Report. Angela Groth sent, Wednesday, October 21st, an unsigned voucher report sent from the Village Office: bills totalling \$7152.01. Michael Wiskind motioned to pay these; Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report.

Angela asked for a motion about Library hours over Thanksgiving: the Library will close at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, November 25th, and stay closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Discussion followed — about the comparable Village hours, as well as those of neighboring libraries. Valerie Lalli motioned to adopt this schedule, Angela's request, Lauren Hadi seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Then, another request from Angela: considering the rising virus trend, the current three days of in-person browsing will be suspended. Curbside pickup only, though those hours will remain unchanged. Starting date for these restrictions, Friday, November 20th. Discussion and comparison, again, then: Matthew Gonzales made a motion to adopt this new schedule, Valerie Lalli seconded, and this carried unanimously. Proper public announcement, on the Library website, etc., to follow.

Staffing Changes. Lois Izes will resign her post in the Library as of December 16th. Jennifer Stasko, concerned with the increasing spread of the virus, is suspending her work immediately. Substantial discussion of responses to both Lois's and Jennifer's decisions followed.

Susan Lockwood. Our longtime volunteer has died. An appreciation from Angela and others who knew her. Though living in Edgemont, her dedication to us, Angela said, was strong — and is supported by a gift from her estate to the Library of twenty-five thousand dollars. Discussion followed, where to put these funds and to what purpose they will be used.

Elmsford. The peculiar relation we have with our associated village as a provider of library services, was, again, discussed — what we can do to bring Elmsford into our orbit, the story of past attempts, the problems, as well as the prospect of an overture in Spanish. Angela was asked to reinforce the connection.

Supplementing Angela's report.

Rosemarie Marcus reported on the activities of the Friends. The fundraising letter is in the last stage before distribution.

It was suggested that the Friends put an ad in the Ardsley 125th Anniversary program booklet for the commemorative event tentatively set for Saturday, October 9, 2021, the weekend of Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Ardsley's Comprehensive Plan will be submitted soon to local residents for comment. [It was sent by email on November 24th and on November 30th — *date to be returned*, Wednesday, December 1st.]

The Governor has asked each New York municipality to form a Police Reform Committee.

Matthew Gonzales reported on the next event and date of the Library-affiliated Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Virtual Book Club. An online discussion of the 2012 YA novel *Out of My Mind* by **S-U-S-A-N-M.-D-R-A-P-E-R**, on Wednesday, December 16th, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Over ninety copies are in the WLS collection.

[Another Library outreach, though not mentioned tonight: *The Bronx*, a virtual audio/visual reminiscence by historian/enthusiast Marty Schneit, 11:00 to 12:30, Tuesday, December 15th. Coördinated by Peggy Mechman.]

The meeting adjourned at 7:46.

Followed by an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The next meeting, Thursday, December 17, 2020, 7:00 P.M., *virtual format*.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Keil,

December 16, 2020

[These minutes were not supported by a transcript of the recording of the actual meeting.]