

Minutes

Ardsey Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, November 21, 2019

Attending,

Stephanie Bonney, *President,*

Peter Keil, Valerie S. Lalli, Susan Morduch, Susan Randol, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director.*

Absent, Rosemarie Marcus. Joann D’Emilio, *Village Board Liaison.*

Call to Order, 8:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2019. The Stormwater Management issues mentioned in the initial corrections of the minutes contained mistakes — our rain barrel issue was clarified and amplified later in tonight’s meeting. With this, Valerie Lalli moved to accept, Stephanie Bonney seconded, and the amended minutes were accepted unanimously

Treasurer’s Report. For a voucher report dated November 19, 2019, Michael Wiskind motioned to pay bills totalling \$3,440.87 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 — Joann D’Emilio reported to the Village Board on current Library activities (from the summer until now) on Monday, November 4th.

Tonight Angela discussed the relation of the Library to the Village of Elmsford, specifically mentioning Joseph Coffey, an Elmsford Village Board trustee and the liaison to our Library. [jcoffey@elmsfordny.org]

Old Business — Susan Randol and Susan Morduch are leaving the Library Board.

Discussed: the timing of their leaving, the issue of replacing them or returning to a five-member board, and the dynamics of how changes in our complement would be or should be made.

Discussed again, the Ardsley Improv Group’s Friends fundraising night at the firehouse, Saturday, January 11th. Tickets are twenty-five dollars each.

Also from our October 24th meeting, 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.

Director’s Report

Circulation totals.

Total October circulation, 8,437.

Inter-Library loans for October, 3,226.

Received, 1,642. Sent, 1,584.

People Count for October, 6,460 for the twenty-six days open, two hundred forty-nine a day.

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Angela reported that we have used \$13,437.34, about forty percent, of our book budget for this year.

Angela also discussed the importance, as well as the cost, of her attendance at the 2020 PLDA conference in Nashville in February.

What's New @ . . .

We've scheduled programs through the end of December to welcome the school kids during their vacation weeks — craft programming, game days, and a movie.

For adults, Evan Weiner will present and lead a discussion on *The Early Days of Television*, Saturday, December 7, 1 to 3 P.M.

Keshet Roman will leave, November 30th, his part-time clerk's role for a full-time at the Irvington Public.

Building Maintenance — A discussion tonight of the Stormwater rain barrel led to a consensus that the Library would not move to an installation. Earlier, the Village's Stormwater Coördinator, Lorraine Kuhn, responded to an email request for additional information about the project: "There is a spot at the northeast corner of the Library where a rain barrel may possibly be located. I mentioned this possibility to Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector & Stormwater Management Officer. I need to send him photos and go over the specifics, and set up an inspection of the site. . . . If Larry Tomasso approves the site, perhaps we can meet on site to discuss the project. I understand that the Library Board must approve the project as well."

Outside Maintenance — nothing new to report.

Report from the Village Board Liaison — The Village's new Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed and worked on by the professionals at the Pace Land Use Law Center, and by the Village Board, which hopes to begin the public review process in January.

In the meantime, the Board will be considering hiring a marketing consultant to position the Village to attract and encourage appropriate businesses to move here. The consultant's work will coördinate with the goals set out in the Comprehensive Plan.

Moody's rating of the Village's finances was positive:

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Work finished: the new tennis courts at Pascone Park and the new sidewalk to Concord Road school.

Sunday, November 24th, a second community dinner by the Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the AHS Building Bridges club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57.

The next meeting, Thursday, December 19, 2019, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
December 19, 2019.