

Minutes

Ardley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, December 20, 2018

Attending,

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

Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Rose Peña, *Friends President*.

Joann D'Emilio, *Village Board Liaison*.

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Before the meeting, Stephanie Bonney made this statement:

The Ardsley Library Board of Trustees would like to recognize Rose Peña, President of the Friends of the Ardsley Public Library, and thank her for her many years of service. Rose has raised thousands of dollars for library programming, including the summer reading program, as well as for DVDs and other items that are not included in the budget.

Through her tireless efforts, Rose helped make this all happen. As of January 1, 2019, Rose is retiring from her position. We will miss her greatly, not only for all of her contributions, but also for her kind words, good cheer, and wonderfully delicious baking. We wish her great happiness in all of her life's journeys in the future.

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Call to Order, 8:25 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2018. Susan Morduch motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Rosemarie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. No meeting in November, so two reports to approve tonight.

For a voucher report dated November 14th (12:09 PM), Valerie motioned to pay bills totaling \$4,157.19 as submitted on the abstract prepared by Theresa Del Grosso in the Village Treasurer's office. Susan Randol seconded, and this motion carried unanimously.

For a voucher report dated December 19th (3:16 PM), Valerie motioned to pay bills totaling \$28,529.77 as submitted on the abstract prepared by the Village Treasurer, Leslie Tillotson. Michael seconded, and this motion also carried unanimously.

On the 21st, Angela discovered that a payment on the abstract, to Saw Mill Supplies for \$263.75, included a charge, \$16.00, which was also paid on a separate line. Angela and Stephanie OKed a correction, reducing the total amount approved and paid to \$28,513.77.

President's Report

Old Business. The Board continued its discussion of the possible changes or increases in hours open, the possibility of adding another half-time staffer, the continually evolving revelations and lessons of the survey, as well as a future revisit to the Village Board.

Also discussed, following a spirited email exchange earlier in the month, the Library's schedule for the two Mondays, 12/24, and 12/31. With comparisons to the opening, or closed, hours at the four public Rivertown libraries, a final decision Angela agreed to: to open 10 to 1 on the two Mondays, somewhat close to the Village Hall hours.

New Business. The Library Board officers for 2019:

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,
Rosemarie Marcus, *Vice-President*,
Michael Wiskind, *Treasurer*,
and Peter Keil, *Secretary*.

More New Business: On December 18th Angela emailed a list of the Board meeting dates for 2019, as well as the coming year's holiday closing schedule. About the first, Angela and Stephanie agreed on a correction – we'll meet on February 28th, not the 21st.

Angela is preparing copies of other policy issues, sexual harassment, for example, that we will revisit during the next year.

Finally, Rosemarie, Valerie, and Angela led a discussion of approaches to finding the new Friends' president – an announcement and offer at the circulation desk, for example. As of now, 12/20, no confirmed prospects.

Director's Report.

Circulation totals for October, 2018, 7,814. For November, 7,076.

Intra-Library loans, October, In, 1,822; Out, 1,134. For November, In, 1,698; Out, 910.

People count, October, 5,869, for an average of 226 for the 26 days open.

For November, 4,763, for an average of 217 for the 22 days open.

Also, a successful use of the Totalboox app for electronic downloads of materials (phone, computer, Kindle).

What's New @ . . .

The items that were on our "repair" list have been taken care of. The DPW men spent some time here.

Rick Thompson, DPW, is pricing a new street light for our lot.

Our front doors are very spotty. we will replace either one or two – *footnote in Building Maintenance.*

We held our first Friday evening concert – November 16th, guitarist Sr. Xavier Chavarro, with a reported attendance of ninety.

Vacation week programs are scheduled.

Angela will be working on the budget for 2019-2020 after the New Year.

The libraries in the county will be switching from SIRSI to Evergreen computer systems effective April, 2019.

Building Maintenance – Entrance door issues. Our current repair resource, though we don't have a service contract, the Mackenzie Door Company, North Bergen (212-227-1630), told Angela about the issues involved with having a service contract, it's coverage and limitations. The motor is a weak spot, though a replacement is not covered in a contract. Cost of the contract, *twelve hundred dollars a year.*

Outside Maintenance Report – No report from Larry Nardecchia this month.

But, in October the Garden Club discovered a Monarch caterpillar on the milkweed plant in the Library’s pollinator garden, and an international incident followed – his metamorphosis and transport to Mexico. Details: *The Bird Call*, a local Audubon Society journal, Winter, 2019 – <http://www.brssaudubon.org/>.

Report from the Village Board Liaison – The Village Board had an extensive look-see, at its meeting on December 17th, of local sentiment for and against vape and other tobacco-related stores, what the village can do, can’t, and comparison to neighboring villages.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:33.

The next meeting, Thursday, January 24, 2019, 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
January 23, 2019.