

Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, June 27, 2019

Attending,

Peter Keil, Rosemarie Marcus, Susan Morduch, Susan Randol, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director.*

Absent, Stephanie Bonney and Valerie S. Lalli; Joann D'Emilio, *Village Board Liaison.*

Call to Order, 8:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2019. With no substantial corrections, Rosemarie Marcus moved to accept the last meeting's minutes, and Susan Morduch seconded — carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. For a voucher report dated June 24, 2019, Michael Wiskind motioned to pay bills totaling \$4810.10 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 — by Rosemarie Marcus.

Old Business — The Summer Reading Club begins with a kickoff meeting on Saturday, June 29th. While the children are with Marianne Ripin, parents are invited to listen to a short talk about the Friends of the Ardsley Public Library. It will be noted that the Friends sponsor the Summer Reading Club.

A new logo has been adopted by the Friends, and a new banner or poster will be displayed at events to publicize the fact that the programs are sponsored by the Friends. The new logo is on the Library website.

Local businesses will be asked to sponsor the museum passes.

In the future, a fundraiser with an Ardsley improv group.

Director's Report.

Circulation totals. The accuracy of the numbers from the WLS have become more accurate again, Angela reported.

Total May circulation, 7773. For May, 2018, 7699.

Inter-Library loans. The numbers for June were only partially noted (*sent*, 1392) and will have to be expanded. For that comparison, the numbers for May, 2018: 2877—1841—1036, *total—received—sent.*

People Count — 6192 for twenty-six days open, two hundred thirty-six a day. May, 2018: 5384/26/207.

Angela reported on her attendance at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington D.C. June 21st to the 25th. Among the highlights she noted, hearing George Takei recall his family's WWII internment, the focus of his upcoming graphic memoir, *They Called Us Enemy* [Top Shelf/Random House].

She also returned with *six bags full* of books for possible Library accession.

What's New @ . . .

Three well-attended events.

Aside from the Kickoff of the Summer Reading Club,

A talk on the Bronx's Freedomland, June 1st, and

The return (June 16th last year) on June 8th of Barry Wiesenfeld and *The Beatles: 50 Years Later!*

Building Maintenance — nothing new to report.

Outside Maintenance — *The spigot.* For watering the grounds, two proposals. For the existing water pipe at the back of the library, a cage to lock and unlock the spigot for watering at any time. Now, cage-free, the on/off is inside. And a hose must be lugged a longer distance than the alternative. The alternative: re-open an existing second spigot outside the newspaper-reading area. This spigot connects to an existing pipe inside the ceiling (installed in the original construction) to the back of the Library. Easier watering access, but a weak spot, a possible frozen or broken pipe.

The wood chips. Larry Nardecchia asked the DPW for a two-yard bucket which was delivered to a parking spot in the Library lot Thursday morning, June 25th, and “noted” at this meeting that night. One-eleventh of our parking space out of service, with the Kickoff at 11:30 Saturday. Larry cleared the spot on Friday.

Report from the Village Board Liaison.

Tennis court project going forward. Survey says about half of the respondents favor repairing and re-opening the courts, which may happen at the end of this season.

Draft Comp plan has been circulated among the steering committee and will soon be released to the public for review and comment.

Barbara Berardi, long-time village clerk, retired at the end of June. The Village hopes to be able to announce soon the hiring of a new clerk. Barbara was awarded a ☆☆☆☆ *Freedom of Information Compliance and Knowledge Rating* from the State in June, 2016.

A public safety meeting Thursday, June 27th, with a presentation by Chief Anthony Piccolino. Community members were asked for questions and comments, with a Village follow-up.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

The next meeting, Thursday, July 25, 2019, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
July 24, 2019.