

Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, September 27, 2018

Attending,

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

Angela Groth, *Library Director.*

Joann D’Emilio, *Village Board Liaison.*

Absent, Stephanie Bonney, Valerie S. Lalli, Susan Morduch.

Call to Order, 7:50 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2018. CORRECTIONS: the absence of Susan Morduch and Susan Randol was not noted. Also, printed copies of the minutes were not given out. Michael Wiskind motioned to accept as amended, Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report. Susan Randol motioned to pay bills totaling \$7,813.90 as submitted on the abstract prepared by the Village Treasurer September 24, 2018 (11:10 A.M.). Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and this motion carried unanimously.

President’s Report – none given. In its place, the following reports were made:

The survey of public response to the possible changes in the Library hours, etc., was very briefly commented on and then tabled. Susan Morduch and Susan Randol have postponed their visit to the Village Board.

Michael Wiskind attended a WLS Trustee Institute meeting on September 6th. (WLS headquarters, 500 Taxter Road.) Libby Post, President/Strategist-in-Chief of Communication Services (“a boutique political communications firm that specializes in libraries, health care, advocacy, and electoral politics”) spoke on strategies for boosting community support and fundraising. Tonight, Angela provided her take on the speaker.

From Rosemarie Marcus: the following cadre – Amy Bendell, Carla Moopenn, Jessica Morganelli, Elizabeth Mueller, Rose Peña, and Rosemarie and Peter Marcus – assembled the Friends Fundraising letter, the last two bringing the letter to the White Plains P.O. for delivery.

Director’s Report.

Total Circulation for August, 8,610. August, 2017, 8,226.

Total Circulation for July, 8,998. July, 2017, 8454.

Total Intra-Library Loans for August, 3,029. (Received, 1,879; Sent: 1,150.)

Total Intra-Library Loans for July: 3,178. (Received, 2,024; Sent, 1,154.)

People Count for August, 6,677, an average of 247 for the 27 days open.

People Count for July, 7,243, an average of 290 for the 25 days open.

What's New @ . . .

The PLDA and WLS voted to change the ILS, the Integrated Library System used to track what a library owns, loans, pays, etc. – the Enterprise Planning System. **Evergreen**, an open-source, Cloud-based system, will replace the current **Sirsi** in April next year. (Details, <http://www.sirsidynix.com/> and <https://evergreen-ils.org/>.) To Angela, the reasons for the change were not convincingly made.

This Saturday, the 29th, the Village will hold a BBQ in Pascone Park. Noon to 4. All volunteer boards are invited and will be treated to a free hamburger or hot dog as a thank you for service to the community.

At the same time, our program, a Tea Tasting. Jane McLaughlin, a library volunteer (Thursdays) will host the lecture and demonstration. The Chinese *Ur*-plant, *Camellia sinensis*, and its world-wide varieties. From 2 to 3, upstairs. Registration required. [*Eighteen attended.*]

Clarissa Prohaska, an Admission Counselor at Ithaca College, requested Angela's and the Board's approval for a recruiting session for the school in the community room on Saturday, October 6th, 10 to 1. (The request was made in late August and approved by an email poll.) [*Patty and David reported the attendance was "strong."*]

The Summer Reading Club was a success, *again*. One hundred eighty participants.

Planned: presenting STEM Programs (*Science, Technology, etc.*), the most requested activity for children. Perhaps building and racing an all-terrain vehicle and launching a catapult. For adults, a workshop with Michael Albert on assembling collage.

Angela will be away starting October 10th through the end of the month. Children's Librarian Marianne Ripin will substitute and report at the next, the October 25th, meeting.

Building and Outside Maintenance Reports – concerns about the alarm system were discussed. No further reports given.

Report from the Village Board Liaison. – Possible changes to the two defunct gas stations noted – Westchester Garage's possible richer rehabilitation and the unsettled litigation of the aesthetically-challenged Getty station at Ridge Road.

Better, this fall, Tribeca Pediatrics will open a branch at 686 Saw Mill River Road, on the site of Joe Zoella's Ardsley Hardware, which has moved, without Joe, next to CVS and is franchised as 3D Wallauer of Ardsley.

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Paper copies of these minutes and those of the July 26th meeting will be given out October 25th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12.

The next meeting, Thursday, October 25, 2018, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
October 24, 2018.