

Minutes

*Ardsley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, May 27, 2021*

[ZOOM, *online format.*]

Attending

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,
Matthew Gonzales, Peter Keil, Lauren Hadi
Valerie S. Lalli, Rosemarie Marcus, and Michael Wiskind.
Angela Groth, *Library Director*.
Joann D'Emelio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 7:00 P.M. FOR EXEC SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS; ADJOURNED 7:30PM, PUBLIC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:34PM

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the April and May meetings were tabled until June 24, 2021.

Approval of Library bills from April 2021.

Michael motioned to pay bills totalling \$4455.35 as submitted on the abstract prepared in the Village Treasurer's office; The board is being asked to reapprove due to the addition of an extra bill. Motion to approve April invoices in the amount of \$4455.35 as amended by the previous report; seconded by Rosemarie, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Library bills from May 2021.

Michael motioned to pay bills totalling \$27,299.88 as submitted on the abstract prepared in the Village Treasurer's Valerie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Angela shared that she used the Friends of the Ardsley Library account to purchase Paper towels, rubber bands online, through Sam's Club. The Friends of the Ardsley Library will be reimbursed, Angela has the receipts. Joann shared that Meredith would work with Angela on a credit card. Stephanie asked Angela to follow up with Meredith.

New Business -

a) Vote on library reopening plan

Matt moved to approve the new library reopening plan effective June 1, 2021; Rosemary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b) Update on library business from Angela

The bridge outside of the library is looking unstable. Peter proposed that the bridge be investigated and requested a report about the structural integrity of the bridge. Joann asked about the bridge. Angela reported that the bridge is splintering; the bridge has been repainted with a sealant. Michael discussed using local resources (highway department) to diagnose the problems with the bridge. Joann asked Peter to copy Meredith when board members reach out to village personnel. Angela shared that the bridge is still solid, but that there is a gap between the bridge and the sidewalk. Angela imagines that the bridge will be okay. Angela will reach out to David (highway department) about the bridge. The main issue is the gap between the bridge and the sidewalk.

Peter shared that there is an issue with the hill by the stairs being covered by poison ivy. Peter suggested using Roundup or to cover the poison ivy with a black plastic covering until the roots die. This option takes several months to fully exterminate the poison ivy. Angela reported that the poison ivy has been there for years. She shared that there is a clear path up the hill. Lauren suggested putting up a warning sign.

Peter also shared that there are weeds growing under the window of the children's library. Peter suggested that the highway department (HD) could clean the weeds. Stephanie suggested that Angela reach out to the HD about pulling the weeds.

Lastly, Peter recommended that a garbage can is added to the lower parking lot. Peter suggested putting the garbage can by the end of the path where the lot is. Stephanie asked Joann to investigate having the village provide another garbage can.

Stephanie has spoken to Leslie about getting the library board on the account for the bills. Leslie reported to her that the Village trustees all have iPads and that the billing program is an app that allows individuals to view the bills. Stephanie is going to explore how the library board will be able to review the budget. Angela shared that, in the interim, board members could come to the library to view the bills on her computer.

c) Update on Ardsley Village Multicultural committee from Matt

The third part of *How to be an Antiracist* occurred on Sunday 23 May 2021. Eight participants joined the discussion, with representation from the school district.

Our next text is *George* by Alex Gino. The discussion will occur on Wednesday 2 June at 6:30 PM. The following text is *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone. That discussion will occur on Wednesday 18 June at 6:30 PM.

The library and the committee are collaborating on a story walk for the Ardsley PRIDE Festival (occurring on Saturday 26 June 2021). The Library proposed several texts and the committee selected *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson, MD, and Peter Parnell.

d) Update on Friends from Rosemarie

The process of adding two individuals to the Friends bank account is moving forward. The goal is to have these two individuals be able to write checks.

Rosemarie asked Angela to collaborate with the Friends to update the information on the APL website. Valerie volunteered to update the APL website with the Friends information. Angela then shared that GoDaddy (the website host) removed access to the library website. Angela resolved the issue by charging the bill to the Friends credit card.

e) Update on library business (from Angela) continued

Angela shared that she would like to continue the discussion about her vacation days. She shared that two staff members called out today, and Angela came in on her day off. Stephanie told Angela that she needs to reach out to the Village about vacation days.

Lauren asked if the library's 2021-22 budget, Marianne's raise, AND that the \$8000 funds for the WLS fees were approved by the village. Angela confirmed that the budget was approved. Angela also shared that the WLS increase of 11% was reduced to 4% and the payments to the WLS were extended. Joann shared that funds can be moved from one budget line to another without Village approval.

Michael confirmed that he would come to the Library on Saturday 29 May to sign checks.

Angela also shared that the APL will receive a \$20,000 grant from Thomas Abinanti (Assembly Person for district 92). The money will be used to buy a resource table, update cabling to CATV, increase Wifi and improve internet connections with library computers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021, 7:30 PM, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Gonzales