

Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Attending

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,
Peter Keil, Valerie S. Lalli, Rosemarie Marcus, and Michael Wiskind.
Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Joann D’Emilio and Nancy Kaboolian, *Village Board Liaisons*.
Joseph Coffey, *Village of Elmsford Liaison*.

Absent, Matthew Gonzales and Lauren Hadi.

Call to Order, 7:02 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of Thursday, October 28, 2021. Valerie Lalli motioned the minutes be approved and Michael Wiskind seconded. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer’s Report. From a Purchase Order Listing sent from Leslie Tillotson, Village Treasurer, dated November 16, 2021, 4:33 P.M., Michael Wiskind motioned to pay (twenty-four) bills totalling \$4000.94 as submitted on the abstract prepared in the Village Treasurer’s office; Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and this motion also carried unanimously.

President’s Report.

New Business — Meeting dates for 2022. Valerie Lalli motioned, Peter Keil seconded, and the Board approved unanimously the following roster.

January 27 th ,	July 28 th ,
February 17 th ,	August 25 th ,
March 24 th ,	September 22 nd ,
April 28 th ,	October 27 th ,
May 26 th ,	November 17 th , <i>and</i>
June 23 rd ,	December 15 th .

Regular meetings are held once a month.

Library Wi-Fi. An at-first unanswered assertion in a patron’s email about the absence of Wi-Fi in the Library led to a spirited, tangled discussion. Most pertinent: the Library has had continuing Wi-Fi service from the Westchester Library System, with no recent lapse, nor with any lapses caused by specific carriers, such as Verizon, etc.

Related, taken from tonight’s Director’s Report: The upgrading of the Library from CAT 5 to Cat 6 wiring has been completed. Angela is waiting for the WLS to make the switch. This should speed up the connection to the software we use.

Joann D’Emelio. The last tick on the clock of *The D’Emelio Show*, Joann’s role as Village Board Liaison, has struck. Mayor Nancy Kaboolian will take her place. Stephanie Bonney spoke of the Board’s appreciation of Joann’s detailed contributions over the last several years.

Director's Report [dated November 18th; submitted by email by the Director on Friday, November 12th].

Total October circulation, 4,651.

Inter-Library loans for October, 1,858:

Received, 1,172; Sent, 686.

Overdrive, 771.

Hoopla, 84.

Curbside pickup, 45.

People Count for October, 2,992 for the twenty-five days open, averaging one hundred twenty a day.

Library Scholarship. Angela traced back the funds for the scholarship we offered to its source, a Trust and Agency Account that Floyd Lichtenberg handled. Currently, we have funds from the estate of Susan Lockwood [noted in the minutes of November 19, 2020], anticipating an amount of one thousand dollars for each scholarship offered. More details were discussed tonight.

Ending overdue fines. The Library will go fine free as of January 1, 2022, following several local libraries — White Plains, Greenburgh, Scarsdale, as well as the NYPL (as of October 5, 2021; all three parts of that system). A finer point, involving an effective date when “late” becomes “lost” and revives a charge, was discussed. (Lost book charges will begin after thirty days, down from the current sixty.)

Visiting the Warwick Public Library, Orange County. Tonight's meeting ended with a brief report on my visit Sunday, November 7th. *Library Journal Magazine* and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded the Albert Wisner Public Library the 2016 Best Small Library in America prize. Two friends of mine live in Warwick and prompted me to have a look. Exact comparisons, though, are not easy to make. The library serves about twenty-seven thousand, is in a largely farming community, has no Atria or Kendall, and the village once hosted a Blue Lives Matter parade — not all in the Ardsley profile. And its remoteness, an hour away from us, may make that library the center of activities that are more diversely experienced here. But, their lively and detailed newsletter was received with some gusto. About a dozen adult activities, twice as many for children and teens. Seven full-timers, twenty part-time, no volunteers. The library's website, albertwisnerlibrary.org, lists the full-time staff's email addresses, encouraging contact. The director, Rosemary Cooper, is, in George Calvi's style, ex-Ardsley.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

The next meeting, *on Zoom*, Monday, December 20, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
December 18, 2021.