

Minutes

*Ardsley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, 28 January 2021*

[ZOOM, *online format.*]

Attending

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,
Matthew Gonzales, Lauren Hadi, Peter Keil,
Valerie S. Lalli, Rosemarie Marcus, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Absent, and Joann D'Emelio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 7:04 P.M.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meetings of Thursday, December 17, 2020, were approved unanimously following a correction by Peter. Michael made the motion, seconded by Lauren. [The error was *corrected* to Matthew made the motion.]

Treasurer's Report. Responding to an unsigned voucher report sent from the Village Office: bills totalling \$10,233.52. Michael Wiskind motioned to pay these; Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business - Health Emergency Plan (HEP). The board discussed the emergency health plan from New York State. Discussion points included comparisons to other libraries in Westchester (Stephanie), clarification on wording (Michael discussed that on page 4, continuation of section, third bullet point - should say "the library and the employee and members of the public"), electronic equipment available to library staff (Matthew), and essential employees (Matthew). Michael moved that the HEP, with corrections, be adopted by the Ardsley Public Library, seconded by Laruen, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report.

The board discussed the 2021-2022 budget. Angela stated that the budget was consistent from previous years, but that the phone bill cost will triple, as the library is moving to a different phone vendor (Altice). Michael noted that there was a discrepancy in the utilities line item. Angela responded that discrepancies centred on the ConEdison bill not being paid for a few months.

The board then discussed the contracted services line, \$500, for Elmsford. Angela explained that the monies were used, before COVID-19, to transport residents to the Ardsley Library. There was discussion regarding the level of support provided by the village to the budget overall for programs. Angela clarified that all programs for the library are funded by the Friends of the Library.

Michael then asked about the line item about insurance, noting a 5-fold increase from the previous budget. The discussion continued by reviewing the staffing and personnel budget lines.

Michael motioned this budget be approved, Rosemarie seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Angela then shared her update on library statistics.

Lastly, Angela shared that another donation was made to the library by the daughter of a library volunteer who passed away. This additional donation is for \$10,000. Angela also mentioned that Selma Goldfarb's daughter wanted to donate a bench or something. Another donation could be coming through the friends. Rosemarie asked that the donation information is emailed to her.

Michael suggested that a thank you/recognition note was added to the library website, citing an 'anonymous donor'. Rosemarie and Angela agreed.

The Village's Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee's next, seventh, reading and discussion, **Matthew reported**, will be on Ta-Nehisi Coates's 2015 *Between the World and Me*, a long letter to his fifteen-year-old son Samori. No issues about the availability of the text, considering the book's massive popularity. The second discussion will be held on Sunday February 7th, from 4 to 5, *virtually*. Participants may supplement the book with a 2020 HBO movie, same title, directed by Kamilah Forbes, or participate in the broader or personal issues without reading the book or seeing the movie. If as earlier, twenty or more will be there.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37.

The next meeting, Thursday, 25 February 2021, 7:30 P.M., *virtual format*.