

Minutes

*Ardsey Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Monday, August 31, 2020*

[ZOOM, *online format.*]

Attending

Stephanie Bonney, *President*,

Matthew Gonzales, Peter Keil, Rosemarie Marcus, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

Absent

Lauren Hadi, Valerie S. Lalli; Joann D’Emelio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 7:13 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2020 — judged incomplete and held over, with reference to the transcript, and to be revised for approval at our September meeting.

Treasurer’s Report. An unsigned voucher report from the Village Office was sent to the Library Board. Nineteen bills were submitted — a .pdf of the report will be forwarded to the Library to be added to these minutes. Michael Wiskind motioned to pay the bills, a total of \$5673.20; Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director’s Report. Angela reported an email, 8/31, from Charles Hessler, Confidential Secretary to the Village Manager: back again, the yearly requirement for us to each take two training sessions: the Sexual Harassment Prevention for Employees and the Workplace Bullying and Violence Prevention. Both to be completed with an examination. Taken online, following the how-to in the Village email, then sent, when passed, to Angela or Charles Hessler.

Angela gave a report on the reopening and restored service that started up Monday, August 3rd (Board approved for this at last month’s meeting). The Library will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with half-hour browsing appointments from 2 to 4 P.M. This “reopening” is organized in four shifts of thirty minutes each, five people altogether per shift. Patrons have to call first for a reservation. Of the possible twenty attendees for each day, or sixty for three days, we had thirty-six the week ending on Friday, the 20th. [In September, this schedule was changed to Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4, and to Thursday, 4 to 7 P.M. Same complement of five per.]

Curbside pick-up of books and things on hold continued throughout the month. Monday—Tuesday—Wednesday—Friday, 10:15 to 5:15; Thursday, 1:15 to 7:45; Saturday 10:15 to 12:45. (The Library will close on Saturday at 1 P.M. for now.)

We checked out 4,921 curbside materials in July. All materials received through WLS deliveries or at the drop-boxes are collected and quarantined for seventy-two hours before patrons are notified.

Angela reported on how we stand compared to neighboring libraries. Some, Hastings, for example, have more open in-person hours, others, Irvington, curbside only. No uniform policy.

Supplementing Angela’s report, Matthew, our liaison to the Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, reported on its Virtual Book Club’s session on Thursday, August 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

The next meeting, Thursday, September 24, 2020, 7:00 P.M., virtual format.

[The meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, September 29th, same form.]

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Keil,

September 29, 2020.

[Supplemented by Stephanie Bonney's transcript of the recording of the meeting.]