

Minutes

*Ardsley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

[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, Joann D'Emelio, *Village Board Liaison*.

Call to Order, 7:02 P.M.

Approval of Minutes. The transcript-corrected minutes of July 23, 2020, were submitted and accepted, Valerie Lalli, *motion by*; Rosemarie Marcus, *seconded*; *approved unanimously*. The approval of the minutes of the August 31st meeting was held over, same scrutiny, and will be revised for approval at our October 22nd meeting.

Treasurer's Report. An unsigned voucher report from the Village Office dated September 24, 2020, was sent to the Library Board. Twelve bills were submitted, dated from September 17th to September 22nd — 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 \$4566.45; Matthew Gonzales seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report. [*The order here has been changed from that of the actual meeting.*]

Angela reported on the generally even-keel operation of the Library: three-day, limited-hour in-person access, supplemented by curbside pickup for those and the remaining open hours. Only the Saturday hours have not returned to normal, the Library then open from 10 to 1. The pros and cons of remaining open Saturday until the usual 5:30 were discussed. The Library will keep these shortened hours at least through October. Paying for augmented staffing the issue, the extra four-and-a-half hours would take away from the budgeted weekday coverage levels. • Noted, the interest our Library Clerk Patty Vano has in extending her hours to a full day, until 5:30, on Saturdays. Angela outlined the finer points and counterpressures of such a difficult change, the impact on budget and staffing, etc.

• From this, a discussion of preparing a survey of public interest in the Library hours and other issues. Valerie and Matthew volunteered to work on the aims and wording of such a survey.

The yearly check from Elmsford has been received. (The exact amount was not noted.) [On October 23rd, Angela sent an email reporting on the amount of the Elmsford check: \$276,501.]

Also discussed, leaving messages on the Library phone after open hours, not currently an option. Angela's drift is to keep the current practice, tape available during open hours. • Angela also reported on a change Cablevision initiated — they've moved our phone service to their new overseers, Altice, with a possible large fee increase.

Finally, an extended discussion between Angela and the Board about the possibility and benefit of installing a dedicated computer for the Library's financial operations.

• *Supplementing Angela's report.* Rosemarie Marcus reported on the activities of the Friends. Angela is helping to prepare the annual fundraising letter, working with a new list of residents, though adding a "current occupant" tag (as well as the specific name and address) to lessen postage charges. After that, Rosemarie reported that her cadre of six volunteers will continue preparation and mailing.

Matthew Gonzales reported on the next date of the Library-affiliated Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Virtual Book Club, Sunday, October 18th, 4:00 P.M. (Initially scheduled for October 11th, Indigenous People's Day). Generation-spanning with two texts, Eric Gansworth's 2013 YA novel, *If I Ever Get Out of Here*, and Sherman Alexie's 2016 picture book, *Thunder Boy Jr.* Required registration online. • A lengthy discussion followed about the Library staff, Angela, Marianne, and especially Peggy Mechmann, playing a role in future AMDIC selections and discussions.

A report/reminder from Peggy Mechmann, *again*, that the last installment of *New York: A Three Part Series*, this one titled *Underground NYC*, will be zoomed on Tuesday, October 27th, 11 until 12:30. Library-sponsored; hosted by Art and Susan Zuckerman. Registration, required, at PeggyM@WLSMail.org.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36.

The next meeting, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 7:00 P.M., virtual format.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
October 22, 2020.

[Supplemented by Stephanie Bonney's transcript of the recording of this meeting, received October 22nd — but not included until afterwards.]