

Ardasley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
January 18, 2018.

Present: Stephanie Bonney, *President*;
Peter Keil, Valerie Lalli, Rosemarie Marcus, Susan Morduch, Susan Randol.
Library Director Angela Groth;
Ardasley Mayor Nancy Kaboolian.

Call to Order, 8:05 P.M.

MINUTES. Approval of the minutes of the December 21, 2017, meeting: a motion by Susan Randol, seconded by Stephanie Bonney and unanimously approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Susan Randol motioned that the bills be paid as submitted on abstract by the Village Treasurer in the amount of \$22,108.26 for December, 2017. Seconded by Rosemarie Marcus and unanimously approved by the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Old Business. Contributions to the Friends of the Library continue to arrive, with the total received so far comparable to last year's. Rose Peña's careful acknowledgement to individual contributor's – *noted with appreciation.*

Kyra Chenoweth's leaving leaves the board with a vacancy. Stephanie proposed different approaches to announcing the opening for a new member. She will contact those who applied the last time, and the library will post an announcement on the circulation desk. A similar notice can be put on the website. February 9th is a tentative deadline date for drawing up a list of prospectives and discussion will begin at the next Board meeting, February 15th.

New Business – none.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Circulation Statistics for December, 2017.

Total, 6,951.

Intra-Library Loans: *Received*, 1,946; *Sent*, 933.

People Count: 5,151; an average of 215 for the twenty-four days the library was open.

What's New.

The heating system in the Children's Library broke mid-December. AMX, Pleasantville, the initial installers, made the repair. Not warrantied. A part is still needed.

A discussion about aligning such expenses with the village followed. Not a new topic, and the known advantages and limitations were considered, again.

The issue of revenue from fines followed, with the Mayor participating. Discussed: the fine percentage in the budget, the comparison to other WLS libraries, the move to remove fines in some libraries. We, Angela mentioned, collect about seven thousand dollars a year in fines.

NEW BUDGET. Angela gave out a Budget Preparation Report from the Village. She went through the details on several lines, adding increases for the book budget, shelving, building maintenance, etc. She would like to add two part-time clerks to the roster, noting we are the only

WLS library to have volunteers, and that the number of these has declined to only five. The Mayor added a comment about sharing services, such as cleaning, with the Village.

After a discussion on the proposed 2018-2019 budget, Valerie Lalli motioned that we approve the 2018-2019 proposed library budget; the motion was seconded by Rosemarie Marcus and unanimously approved by the Board. Angela Groth will submit the proposed budget to the Village of Ardsley on Friday, January 26th.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE *and* OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE – nothing new to add not already considered tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT, in place of the LIAISON'S REPORT. The Mayor mentioned the progress of the construction of the bridge to Dobbs Ferry, noting the separate authorities, village, county, and state, involved.

VISITORS. *None.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

The next meeting, February 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keil,
January 24, 2018.