

# Minutes

Ardasley Public Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting,  
June 21, 2018

*Attending,*

Stephanie Bonney, *President*;

Peter Keil, Valerie S. Lalli, Susan Morduch, Susan Randol, and Michael Wiskind.

Angela Groth, *Library Director*. Joann D'Emilio, *Village Board Liaison*.

*Call to Order*, 8:05 P.M.

*Approval of Minutes* of May 24, 2018. After some fine tuning (the word *museum* was added to precede *passes available through the library*; at the last line of Angela's report, the *survey questions* was corrected to *survey responses*; and the meeting adjourned at, not ay, 9:01) Susan Randol motioned to accept, Michael Wiskind seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report*. Valerie Lalli motioned to pay bills totaling \$7063.32 as submitted on the abstract prepared by the Village Treasurer June 19, 2018. Susan Randol seconded, and this motion was also carried unanimously.

*President's Report*.

*Old Business*. Book Budget. The Library has \$1090.24 left in its book budget for this fiscal year, ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Randol and Susan Morduch attended a Village Board meeting on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Generally positive, with a number of questions from the Board: about adult programs, the interaction with the school libraries, the Library's connection to the WLS, the role of the Friends, and the involvement of Elmsford in Library activities.

The extent of museum passes available through local libraries was discussed again.

[*Post meeting footnote*. Starting on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and continuing to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the *Times* printed articles about institutional, *museum* pass privileges the New York Public Library adds to new library cards. The offer touched a surprisingly popular nerve, or at least need, the four articles reported, redundantly.]

*New Business*. Significant progress on the Survey Monkey poll. Stephanie presented a version of the poll of local library usage, attitudes towards the library, wished-for changes, etc. This led to some suggestions for reworking the survey tonight, and that continued after tonight's meeting. Also discussed, where to place the survey: the blast, the library website, as well as by the circulation desk. [*Post-meeting*: Stephanie reworked the survey, with some suggestions from the Board, and a final version was distributed on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Responses were greater than expected — *one hundred twenty-eight responses*. Results, with a copy of the survey, and next steps, to be discussed at the next Board meeting, July 26<sup>th</sup>.]

*Director's Report.*

Circulation Statistics.

Total May circulation, 7,699. May, 2017, 7,545.

Total Intra-Library Loans for May, 2,877 (received, 1,841; sent, 1,036).

June People Count, 5,384; 207 a day for the twenty-six days open.

What's New @ the Library??

We've ordered a new batch of Library cards, the first order since 2012.

The First and Second Grade visits, completed.

*The Beatles: 50 Years Later!*, an adult program, Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3.

Barry Wiesenfeld, Hudson Valley Music (in Orange), gave a spirited lecture about and demonstration of the quartet's musical distinctiveness. Six attended; a reprise is possible in October.

Marianne and Angela have been certified to use the vinyl cutter at WLS – an immediate use, decoration for the Summer Reading Club.

Peggy Mechmann attended training at WLS on creating chemical-free cleaning products. A future adult program.

Overdrive usage jumped this month because the "Advantage" members have opened up their collections to the rest of the county. We will be asked to contribute to this collection. The total to be asked has not been determined.

The PLDA [Public Library Directors Association] is discussing, tonight, the option of going fine free, and of offering automatic renewals. Results at our next meeting.

Following Angela's request about her unused vacation days, the following:

*Resolution*, the Ardsley Library Board of Trustees authorizes Angela Groth to carry over her twelve unused vacation days to the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Stephanie made the resolution, Valerie seconded, carried unanimously.

*Finally*, in October Angela will be away for two weeks and will miss the October Board meeting. We need to discuss if a substitute should take her place. Changing the date of the meeting was not considered.

*Building and Outside Maintenance Reports* – no further reports given.

*Report from the Village Board Liaison.* Joann Emilio reported that the Village Board had approved a new contract with the fourteen DPW employees who are represented by the Teamsters. Also, the Board is considering legislation regarding "vape shops," with the goal of restricting outlets selling their products close to where students collect, including the library and community center. No decision until the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

The next meeting, Thursday, July 26, 2018, 8:00 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Peter Keil,  
July 25, 2018.