

# *Minutes*

*Ardsley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,  
Thursday, December 17, 2020*

[ZOOM, *online format.*]

## *Attending*

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

Angela Groth, *Library Director*.

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

Call to Order, 7:04 P.M.

*Approval of Minutes.* The minutes of the meetings of Thursday, November 19, 2020, were approved unanimously following a motion by Matthew Gonzales, seconded by Rosemarie Marcus. [The error in the line, "Followed by an Executive Session to discuss personnel maters," *corrected*, as was the spelling of "commemorative" in the note about the Ardsley 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program booklet.]

*Treasurer's Report.* Responding to an an unsigned voucher report sent from the Village Office: bills totalling \$5182.59. Michael Wiskind motioned to pay these; Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

*Peaceful transfer:* From Joint Base Ardsley, Matthew Gonzales becomes our new secretary January 28<sup>th</sup>. Be Better.

Thirty-three sets of minutes since January, 2018 — no meetings in Augusts, 2018 and 2019, and on November, 2018. AWOL, April, 2018 (Valerie's). A third of the minutes need to be added to the website, including December, 2020's, if and when.

## *Director's Report.*

Angela sent these, both needing Board approval.

### **2021 Library Board Schedule.** *All Thursdays.*

January 28<sup>th</sup>.  
February 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Mach 25<sup>th</sup>.  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
June 24<sup>th</sup>.  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
November 18<sup>th</sup>.  
December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Matthew Gonzales motioned this schedule be approved, Michael Wiskind seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**2021 Holiday Schedule** — *Library closed. Follows the Village schedule.*

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day.  
Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln's Birthday, *observed in New York State.*  
Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Washington's Birthday.  
Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Good Friday.  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Day.  
Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day, *observed.*  
Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day.  
Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day.  
Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day.  
Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve, ½ day, 10 – 1, open.  
Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day.  
Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, *the day after* Thanksgiving.  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, ½ day open.  
Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day.  
Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve, ½ day open.  
Saturday, January 1, 2022, New Year's Day.

Matthew Gonzales motioned that this schedule be approved, Rosemarie Marcus seconded, and this, too, unanimous.

The **fund-raising appeal**: a discussion of the attention paid to details demanded to prepare the letter, the Post Office from which, the sealing up of the twenty-five hundred envelopes, etc. [My letter, arrived and was mailed back on January 4<sup>th</sup>; the bank cashed it on the 11<sup>th</sup>.]

**Angela asked** for a motion to close the Library on December 26<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday, replacing the current regular hours, a half-day open, 10 to 1. The motion passed unanimously, though who made the motion is not in the meeting's notes. Lauren Hadi seconded.

On the Thursdays before the Christmas and the New Year's closings the Library will be open from 10 to 1.

Related, Angela proposed keeping the other half-day Saturday hours in place for now.

*[The following details were reported in an email from the Director and not presented during the meeting itself.]*

Angela has hired a **new page**, Allie Stein, a recent college graduate, who started on December 10<sup>th</sup> and will work fourteen hours a week, at least for a few months.

We had a leak in our hot water heater on the Children's side, and we had it replaced.

Unhappily, Angela has not yet received the new computer and scanner for her billing needs – on order for weeks.

Finally, **this month's statistics**:

Circulation for November, 2020: 4,605.

Intra-Library items received: 1,217.

Intra-Library items sent out: 837.

Hoopla usage: 118.

OverDrive: 731.

Curbside Pickup: 546, twenty-one days, for an average of twenty-six a day.

Browsing: 105, nine days, an average of eleven a day.

Curbside pickup for Saturdays in November: 59, for three days, for an average of nineteen *per diem*.

*The Village's Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee's* next, fourth, 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 discussion will be held on two Sundays, January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>, both 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 7:30.*

The next meeting, Thursday, January 28, 2021, 7:00 P.M., *virtual format*.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peter Keil,*  
January 28, 2021

*[These minutes were not supported by a transcript of the recording of the actual meeting.]*