

Minutes

*Ardsey Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, October 22, 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, 7:04 P.M. [*The Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report were noted by Valerie Lalli.*]

Approval of Minutes. The transcript-corrected minutes of Monday, August 31, 2020, were submitted and accepted, Michael Wiskind, *motion by*; Rosemarie Marcus, *seconded; approved unanimously*. The approval of the minutes of the September 29th meeting was held over, same scrutiny, and will be revised for approval at our November 19th meeting.

Treasurer's Report. An unsigned voucher report from the Village Office, not dated but labelled "for the meeting of October 22, 2020" was sent to the Library Board. Twelve bills were submitted, all but one dated October 19th (the one, the first of two Con Ed bills, dated September 25th) — 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 \$5115.99; Lauren Hadi seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report for October.

September 2020 statistics:

Circulation, 5,161,
Intra-Library Loans Total, 2,013,
OverDrive Downloads, 829,
Hoopla Users, 125,
Wireless Users, 81,
Curbside Users, 603,
Indoor Browsers, 251 (*total maximum use days: one*).

Since all the appointments were not filled to capacity I have decided to keep the schedule as is. When the appointments start to fill up, we will add days or hours to accommodate the increase. Also, our Saturday hours will remain as is through November. I'm thinking that we will be able to increase our hours in the New Year. No patron has expressed a need or desire for extended hours yet. Many more people are using our Library because their own library limits times for curbside pick-up.

We are continuing virtual programs. We offer Storytimes, Bouncing Babies, book discussion groups for the children. Marianne is offering a five-session do-it-at-home craft program – the kids will be able to use household objects, plus items supplemented by the Library. Envelopes will be set out-side for those that register for these Zoom sessions containing these extras.

We are offering wellness sessions, college admission advice, and the third of the Art and Susan Zuckerman NYC series, *NYC Underground*, coming Tuesday, October 27th.

Unfortunately, many parents believe their children to be “Zoomed out” and are resistant to allowing their kids to do any more virtual programs. Because of this, the attendance has dropped considerably. However, the adults still seem satisfied to attend a virtual program.

Building issues:

The HVAC situation. After replacing the drum in the unit, three times, our tech said he was going to replace the whole drum and blower unit. We started this when we still needed air-conditioning, and now we need heat. We’ll get it as soon as they can get the parts. I think this will be covered under our contract once the original part is paid for — to be confirmed.

Our elevator needs a new striker pad, fifteen hundred dollars, approximately. Since we do not have anyone coming into the Library right now, I have put it off. I was assured it’s not a dangerous situation — it just won’t work if the door doesn’t close completely.

Altice, emerging from its purchase of Cablevision/Lightpath, is, starting after this December, to be our new phone provider. Their new five-year service contract, to be signed soon, will nearly triple our cost — \$450 per month compared to \$160. Ten phones, plus dedicated lines for the fax and the alarm. (I will make a few calls to neighboring libraries to find out what they’re doing. Since the lead time for Altice to make this happen is almost two months, I may need a vote to go to contract with them.) [*Noted*, after October 22nd: local libraries report a sustained, but not enforced pressure from Altice, reducing our need to sign up soon, by the end of December.]

Supplementing Angela’s report. Rosemarie Marcus reported on the activities of the Friends, continuing from the September report. Angela will prepare the fundraising envelopes and the cadre will prepare them for mailing.

Matthew Gonzales reported on the next date of the Library-affiliated Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Virtual Book Club: the date will be in December and the choice, *tba*, will be in sufficient numbers in the WLS system. [*And*, also after October 22nd: the choice is Sharon Draper’s 2010 first person novel, *Out of My Mind*, a c. middle school text; the date, Wednesday, December 16th; ninety-two copies in the WLS.]

The meeting adjourned at 7:43.

The next meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2020, 7:00 P.M., virtual format.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Keil,

November 19, 2020.

[*No transcript of the recording of this meeting was prepared.*]