Minutes
Ardsley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,
Thursday, July 23, 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.
Joann D’Emelio, Village Board Liaison.

Call to Order, 7:02 P.M.


Treasurer’s Report. An unsigned voucher report from the Village Office was sent to the Library Board July 22nd. Thirteen bills were submitted — 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 $24,831.49; Valerie Lalli seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director’s Report. Before tonight, Angela sent an email to the Board with the latest and, for now, our current update to the New York State Safety Plan. Matthew motioned and Rosemarie seconded that the Board approve this document — the motion was carried unanimously, and, as required, the Safety Plan will be filed in the Director’s office in the Library.

Also earlier, Angela sent the Board a “welcome-to-the-second-full-week-of-July” email listing startup activities. The burden of these: dealing with several hundred requests for curbside pickup and putting materials on hold. Four hundred fifty items were pulled and prepared for sending/receiving within WLS. The system is “back in full bloom,” quoting the email’s appropriate expression. [The grounds have been maintained throughout the last months.]

Circulation-desk-wise, we have received one of the “breath” shields, of the three expected, and our automatic hand-sanitizer dispenser will “greet” anyone entering the building.

Two Story Walks have been placed in the Village – one in the Concord Road School and the other in Pascone Park.

Bought: two Chromebooks for in-place Zoom sessions.

Target date: August 3rd, inside reopening. Regular hours. A motion to reopen from the Board was needed, and Valerie Lalli motioned that the Board accept the Director’s date. Rosemarie seconded; carried unanimously.

One last note from Angela: our connection to Elmsford has not been strong during this time.

Supplementing Angela’s report, Matthew, our liaison to the Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, reported on its Virtual Book Club’s next. A reading and discussion of the 2017 novel The Hate U Give by Angie [Angela] Thomas. Discussion to include the 2018 film adaptation. Thursday, August 20th, 7:30, Zoom. Matthew added the sign-up procedures.
He also added, the MDIC will continue to offer programs via Zoom for children and adults.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32.

The next meeting, Thursday, August 27, 2020, 7:00 P.M., virtual format.

[Noted August 30th, the meeting date has been changed to Monday, August 31st, same form.]

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Keil,
August 30, 2020.