Larchmont Public Library Board of Trustees met on October 14, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Present were Board Chair Miriam Curnin; Trustees David Birch, Pamela Dubitsky, Joan Macfarlane, John McGarr, and Carolyn Parlato; Town of Mamaroneck Liaison Valerie O’Keeffe; Village of Larchmont Liaison Marlene Kolbert; Friends of the Library Liaison Harriet Kline and Library Director Diane Courtney.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board meetings of September 9 and September 30 upon motion of Trustee Parlato seconded by Trustee Macfarlane, The minutes of the Board meeting of September 9 were approved as amended and the minutes of September 30 were approved as presented.

Friends’ Liaison Harriet Kline reported that the October 4 program with author Alice Eve Cohen drew a small but enthusiastic group of 40. On October 18, M&M Productions will present Neil Simon’s The Good Doctor, and author Alec Wilkinson will speak about his book about Pete Seeger on November 8. The Friends are currently considering instituting a program of circulating museum passes as an additional benefit of Friends’ membership. These would be circulated by the Library. Ms. Kline and the Board discussed at length the logistics of such a program, including the difficulties of restricting such items to members of the Friends, the impact on staff workload, and whether a separate reserve system would be needed. Ms. Kline reported that a committee is investigating the project and promised further news after the Friends’ November meeting. The Board thanked Ms. Kline.

The schedules of bills dated October 9 and October 14 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board upon motion of Trustee McGarr, seconded by Trustee Parlato after a short discussion. The Board received the performance report dated October 9.

Board Chair Curnin provided an update on the Children’s Room Renovation.

The Board received details of three computer CPUs that are surplus to the needs of the Library and have a monetary value of $0. Upon motion of Trustee Birch, seconded by Trustee Dubitsky the Board unanimously approved the discard of this equipment.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:35 PM and resumed at 7:55 PM.

The Director updated the Board on the status of outstanding grants for the Children’s Room renovation project and a general discussion about funds for the Children’s Room ensued.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be 6:30 PM on November 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Courtney
Library Director