

Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting of April 8, 2019

Community Meeting Room of Aspen Hill Library

Call to Order: LAC Chair Elliot Chabot called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Present: LAC Members---Betty Bell, Aleen Chabot, Elliot Chabot, Carol Petzold, Eileen Smith, Chris Swan and Judy Tankersley. Also present were David Payne, Aspen Hill Library Branch Manager and Kim Durcho, Library Board Representative. Brian Crider, Babette Margolies, and Josephine Rios-Davis, community residents.

Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Meeting were approved as submitted.

Branch Manager Payne's Report:

Foot traffic in March was 33,219, which is a 5,000 increase from Feb. No circulation numbers are available. Sundays continue to be very busy at the branch.

Programming---Vita Tax provided Thursday afternoon sessions, drawing 20-25 per session. Yoga, Girls Who Code (back in Summer & Fall with additional sessions) , Census training (4 sessions) .

Summer Plans----Candle/soap workshop, Poetry/Writing, Puppetry, Children's Magic, Science/Reptile program, Aug 13 Star Wars event, June 3 MCPS Parent Academy, Cued Speech Training (gestures and lip reading)

Library is fully staffed now, but Branch Manager Payne is serving as **Interim Manager** at Potomac Library while hiring process for that position is followed. MCPS Summer Reading Lists have not yet been provided. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is in place.

Facilities Issues Referencing the **Facilities Punch List**, David Payne reported that **soap and towel dispenser (# 6b)** is working on a local fix, as was **(#8) Restroom toilet paper dispensers. Instruction on Towel Dispenser (#24)** should be available by May. **Item (#28) Women's Rest Room Soap Dispenser** has been fixed. **Evacuation Sign Item (#35)** still pending; should be addressed by May. **Upstairs Restroom Sign (#37)** trying to provide Elizabeth Lang (MCPL Central Office) with photos and measurements, hope to have the sign soon. **Flagpole Lighting (new from last month)** has been reported to Angelisa Howes (Assistant Director for Facilities and ADA). The Department of General Services is currently backlogged.

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Collection Issues Branch Manager Payne indicated he was seeking feed back on the value of the Vox Books (Children's audio with text) and the MB3 Play Away, both of which are new in the Library. Parent Josephine Rios-Davis reported positively on using the Vox Books with her child.

Budget The County Executive's Budget for FY20 included \$43 Million Dollars to MCPL, an increase of \$156, 304, with no recommended cuts. Kim Durcho, Library Board Liaison, announced a Budget Pot Luck, with members of the County Council, prior to the April Library Board Meeting scheduled for April 10.

Membership The Chair reported no new applications currently. Forms are being given to Brian Crider and Josephine Rios-Davis.

Landscape Committee Eileen Smith reported that the Gardening Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 9, with a guest speaker Master Gardener. The group will choose dates for Garden Clean up and watering schedules. Eric Wengel is preparing a plan for design of front garden. The group hopes to be able to coordinate with Children's Librarian, who is considering a Children's Garden project.

Library Board Liaison Library Board Liaison Durcho announced that she would be re-signing from the Library Board due to her move to Anne Arundel County. There are currently two existing vacancies on the Board that are being filled through the normal application process, and her position will be added to those vacancies. The Wednesday Board meeting will include the Board's Annual Report. The Revised LAC Handbook is available on line. The County is currently interviewing for a new Director of MCPL. The refresh schedule includes Chevy Chase, Long Branch and Marilyn Praisner, which will close April 13. Wheaton Library construction in on schedule.

Friends of the Library Chris Swan, president of the AH FOL, announced the Spring Book Sale for Saturday, May 4. Set-up preparations begin on Saturday, April 27. The group's Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 1, is a dual meeting with the AHLAC, followed by lunch and a guest speaker. The FOL is co-sponsoring, with the Aspen Hill Civic Association and the Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee, a HomeOwner's Tax Workshop on June 9, from 10-12, at the Library. The next meeting after that will be the Saturday, June 1, date.

Meeting Schedule for LAC The next meeting will be on Monday, May 13, at 7:30 pm in the Library Community Room.

Adjournment: After asking if there was further business, and seeing none, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Judy Tankersley
Recording Secretary

