

McGee LAC Minutes— 17 October 2022
Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

LAC members present—Jill Brantley, Rodney Elin, Chauna Wiggins, Martha Kyrillidou, Dana Anderson, Scott Shoreman, Regina Germaine, Wendy Gale

LAC member(s) absent—Diana Holmes

Also present— Eric Carzon, Silver Spring Regional Manager; Vikram Pant, Montgomery County Library Board Liaison; Kathlin Smith, guest; Saa Fillie, guest

September minutes approved as amended, so moved by Scott Shoreman and seconded by Dana Anderson

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted by Scott Shoreman, seconded by Saa Fillie

The group discussed updating the membership list to make sure it is accurate

Vikram Pant is temporary liaison to the LAC as Laura Briskin-Limehouse has left the Library Board

Manager's Report: There is a Budget Forum on 21 November—since it is close to our next meeting date there was a discussion that culminated our cancelling the November meeting in favor of as many of us as possible attending the forum. Jill Brantley moved that we skip our November meeting, Regina Germaine seconded; the motion passed.

Hiring new staff is in process across the system

Eric shared some numbers for the branch—21,175 unique active users

A discussion followed about print materials, particularly magazines; though there are local library systems that have continued to subscribe to magazines in print there is almost no chance that Montgomery County Libraries will do so; the platforms Press Reader, Libby and Flipster give MCPL users a broad spectrum of items to choose from and the checkout rate is quite high for emags

Board Liaison Report: Vikram has sent the Board report to Martha but take aways are that the Strategic Plan for the next three years is available; it is focussed on achieving four specific goals—supporting children five and under so they are ready for kindergarten; making sure that teens are either

ready for college or the workforce; supporting speakers of languages other than English can participate fully in American society; helping residents with limited access to technology or to the internet navigate the digital world

These points will also be key to our advocacy of the next MCPL Operating Budget

Besides the upcoming budget forums, there will be a Joint Meeting of the Library Board, LACs, and Friends of the Library Montgomery County in early November

Old Business: There hasn't been a Purple Line CAT Meeting since last year but one is coming up soon; Paulette Dickerson, a CAT Team member for the Silver Spring area has asked for questions or comments relative to the library community to pass on to the MDOT/Purple Line groups

Kathlin Smith has no current news to share about the disposition of the local FOL; they are still in limbo

The LAC had marched in the local Thanksgiving Day Parade and members wondered if we could do that this year but the application date has passed; Eric will pass the information on to the Outreach Team for next year

The improvements and repairs needed for the library refresh were discussed including the sorting machines and the hold lockers and other items

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm