

Library Advisory Committee  
Damascus Community Library  
December 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Pam Hosimer, chair. Present were Jan McHenry, Pam Hosimer, Renée Minnick, Susan Wells, Gail Davidson and Marie Dean.

The minutes of the November 15 Joint Meeting of MCPL Library Board and Library Advisory Committees and Friends of the Library were sent to LAC committee members by email.

Renée reported that Damascus FOL receives donated items which it sells in the lobby of the library. The funds are used for the enhancement of Damascus library programs and activities.

*Agency Manager Report:*

Jan provided copies of several documents: 1 - A note from Anita Vassallo about the projected revenue shortfall for FY 18; 2 - A news release about upcoming meetings; 3 - The agenda for the 12/13/17 Library Board Meeting.

Jan has met with her successor Ann Stillman who will start January 7, 2018.

Membership - We have an increase of one - Diane Cockerell. We welcomed her and look forward to her working with us.

Positions - The library has a part-time children's librarian (vacant) and the titling of the position is as a result of a switch of some kind.

Refresh - The refreshes throughout the county are taking longer than anticipated so together with the upcoming budget cuts the Damascus Refresh will be delayed – again.

Budget Forum - There will be a Budget Forum on January 8. (Joint meeting-yes: a unified voice needs to be presented/heard: Yes-dinner before February 13 LAC meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Our proposed schedule for the 2017-2018 year:

*All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, in the large meeting room of the Damascus Library from 7:00-8:00 pm, unless otherwise announced.*

January 9 or 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting?) and attend Upcounty Forum, dates TBA; February 12 (optional pre-meeting dinner); March 13; April 10; May 8 (no formal meeting – outreach with another library); June 12.