

## **Gaithersburg LAC Minutes for October 6, 2020**

6:00 – 7:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Chris

We have a quorum. Members present:

Christopher Dentel, Chairperson

Cynthia Schweinfest, Agency Manager

Myra Remigio-Leonard, Assistant Agency Manager

Joginder Singh

Bruce Goldensohn, Vice Chair

Brandon Rippeon, Board Representative

Edith Isaacs, Secretary

Minutes for June 30th, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Membership

We have tried to include a younger member but, to date, we have not been successful.

Chris suggested that his son, Alexander, now 13, might join us.

-3. Agency Manager's Report

Current services

Books on "holds-to-go" available 7 days a week

Reference and questions are answered by phone

On line: story time and summer reading

Considering ways to offer computer lab; maybe in lobby

Voting information is available - League of Women Voters have material in 4 Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean and Spanish

Library CLOSED Oct. 12th for virtual Staff Development

The volume of books circulating is not currently available.

Discussion on how library will operate when we open:

Reduction in people in building, spacing

Reduction in open times

Reduction in computer times

Increased cleaning

Presently books returned have a 5-day embargo.

4. Brandon Rippeon:

a. At the last Board meeting the subject of Library Morale came up.

Cindy: staff holding up fairly well; see this situation as a challenge and accepts the challenge; staff has become more cohesive

Myra: staff is able to take action quickly; everyone worked on becoming skilled in virtual programming

b. Brandon asked about our Braille material. At Gaithersburg, fairly large in children's section. The County has a new very large collection of items for the Blind.

c. LAC elections - ours were done earlier in the year -

d. There is a proposed joint meeting of all LACs & FOLs - unsure of status

5. New Business:

At end of meeting we all agreed to meet again on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 at 6PM.