

Germantown Library Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

Meeting by zoom

Attendees:

Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum (Regional Manager)

Janice Levine (liaison from the Library Board)

Aditi Singh (Chair)

Cindy Styles (LAC member)

Spencer Hines (Secretary)

Nicolm Mahabir (LAC member)

Esther Wells (LAC member)

Not in attendance:

Susan Farrand (LAC member)

Laurel Bechtel Branch Supervisor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Aditi Singh. It was noted that Sue Farrand cannot come on Mondays but wants to stay on.

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting. Minutes approved.

3. Reports

a. Library Regional Manager - Adrienne Miles Holderbaum

Adrienne read the written report, provided to the group. Lauren will try to come in the future.

There were some questions about senior smarttrip passes and Department of Recreation free passes, information to be provided later. A suggestion was made to try to get the branch to try to enforce or otherwise do something about residents using the library parking.

b. Library Board Liaison - Janice Levine. Separate written report provided.

c.

5. Old Business - Outreach, MocoCon

- Outreach efforts. Aditi will make sample bookmarks and brochures. Adrienne has been looking for an example, but apparently there is not one available. Aditi will provide a presentation on the bookmarks at the next meeting. A question arose as to whether the LAC preferred bookmarks or brochures? Most preferred bookmarks.
- A suggestion was made for another display about the LAC, and Adrienne thought that was fine. Esther offered to man the display if it could be done. We were told that the best time to man a display is from 10 to 11, on Sunday afternoons.
- It was noted that Montgomery Connect is distributing free laptops in the library. The next in Germantown is the coming Thursday, 3 to 7.

6. New Business - Upcoming events.

- Parking situation. see above.
- Nicolm noted that the plants and flowers last spring were not the best, and asked whether these could be improved. Nicolme will volunteer to help. He would go ask landscapers to donate. Adrienn says it is feasible and added that there have been gardening clubs helping in some other branches. If we get help from local local nurseries, landscapers, etc., there may be problem with giving them credit, due to county rules. Also, it was noted that maintenance is always a problem, so any gift should include maintenance.
- Aditi asked about what parts of the library need volunteers. Suggestions were the French conversation club; childrens' and adult programming; in fact all programming. Other things including sorting carts. The volunteer coordinator is Robin Kemp, but volunteers can talk to any one. Volunteer contacts are also on web site.
- Spencer asked whether we could get collection management information? Adrienne will help on this. Cindy noted that we once were talking about doing a tour of the facility where they do the collections managemet, sorting, etc. Adrienne thinks that's a good idea and will look into it. Having a field trip to the collection management department was determined to be a good idea.

7. Meeting adjourned