

## Noyes LAC Minutes

11/9/2023

Called to order at 7:35 p.m.

### Kate (RM Report)

- No news yet on the part-time Librarian I position. That position is still listed for hiring; the Noyes position isn't the only one still open. In the meantime, Noyes is still getting support from the outreach team, and also getting break coverage support from Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library and Kensington Park. Working on a more comprehensive support situation while we wait for the position to be filled.
- The staffing situation is impacting Noyes' ability to maintain a programming schedule, but are still providing two storytimes per week and occasional Wednesday and Saturday programming. Coming up in the next week are Superb Saturday STEM, where kids will make Fizzy Dino Eggs, which they can hatch at home. Next Wednesday is a Boogie Woogie Wednesday, a storytime/dance party. Programming right now is mostly still happening outside when the weather allows, though that will come to an end soon. Take and make crafts are still very popular.
- Sean is working on weeding the collection, which is very important given the size of the building. Have added Launchpads to the collection. These are tablets that are specifically designed for children; they are leveled and themed. They do not require Internet access. MCPL piloted these in a few branches and they were incredibly popular, so is now rolling them out to all branches. Noyes will eventually have 80 of them as part of the collection, though from experience they circulate quite a bit and staff are not expecting to have to find shelf space for all of them.

### Carla (Board Report)

- Paulette is approved for an extension as chair. Really need people to get more involved; need continuity. We need new leadership.
- Training coming up for LAC officers 11/15 - info was sent to all officers. Paulette did receive it. Hope that anyone who is interested in serving in the future can attend.
- Board met last night; Lori's renewal was approved
- Heard presentation from Tyler Chadwell-English; talked about TABs. 18 branches have them and the teens are in charge of coming up with programming that will suit their needs and interests. They're looking for members. Noyes doesn't have one because of age focus, but if you know any teenagers encourage them to join at other branches.
- Had the joint meeting on 10/12; about 35 people in person, about 15 virtually. It was an interesting meeting; Carla circulated the slides. Also had a presentation from chair of MLA Intellectual Freedom Panel. Had a presentation about ESOL programs in Montgomery County.
- The next joint meeting is scheduled for 1/10 at 6:30 p.m.

### Noyes Foundation Report

- No one from Noyes Foundation attended.

#### Old Business

- Recruiting members is on the list, but need to wait until more people are here to really discuss. Flyer is posted in the branch. Will post at Kensington, and ask other branches to post. Paulette will update to make it clear that anyone from anywhere in the County can join.
- Discussion about how to recruit; membership has been biased toward Kensington but can do outreach to other areas of the county. Have done the listservs or PTAs; tends to be people who are already active in the community tend to be the people who are interested. Have not done this for a year or two. Did get some interest from Wheaton regional newsletter, but nobody that stayed. Carla will tell all the parents that she knows about it.

#### New Business

- None

#### Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:09 p.m.