

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting

October 16, 2019

Attending: Maria Caswell (Co-Chair), Nina Uzick (Co-Chair), Audrey Partington (Secretary), Mary Allman, Jan Baird-Adams (Olney Branch Manager), Jensen Chiu (MCPL Board Liaison)

Absent: Max Handelsman, Walter Lee, Madeline Lyon, Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. The September minutes were approved with two corrections.

1. Manager's Report: Jan Baird-Adams provided the following update:

a. Staffing: Alessandro (Senior Librarian/Asst. Manager) has left MCPL for other employment. Valerie (Librarian 1, half-time) has moved to Davis Library. The Head of Children's Section position has not been posted. A position in Circulation, which has been vacant for a year, will be filled within the next 6-8 weeks.

b. Programming: Programs for babies, toddlers, and pre-school age children will continue on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively. A Jobs Info Session for the Census 2020 will be held on Oct. 22. New writers will read from their work on Oct. 26.

c. Facilities: Jan spoke to the MCPL Property Manager about getting additional No Smoking/No Vaping signs. She was told that one sign per property is standard. Jan suggested that the Property manager speak to her colleagues in other branches that have more than one sign. The Assistant Director responded to State Senator Craig Zucker's email about traffic flow in the Olney Library's parking lot. Work is being done on outdoor and indoor lighting.

d. Services: The backlog of 26 carts has been shelved.

e. Other: County Executive Marc Elrich will hold a series of budget forums. Library staff members are encouraged to attend at least one. Jan plans to attend the Nov. 13 forum at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. LAC members are encouraged to attend.

2. MCPL Board Liaison Report: Jensen Chiu reported that Anita Vassallo was confirmed as Director of MCPL on Sept. 21. She has been Acting Director for several years. He also reported that Wheaton Library re-opened on September 7. He announced the dates for the FOL/LAC Joint meetings (Nov 6 at Gaithersburg Library at 6 pm, and tentatively Jan 8, place TBD). Mary suggested the use of microphones at those events. Maria noted that the Olney LAC needs to provide an Annual Report to the Library Board.

3. Old Business

Status of Committee Members applications: All applications have been received from current LAC members whose terms have expired and who wish to continue to serve.

Olney Community Night was held at Good Counsel on Columbus Day (Oct. 14). Nina and Max staffed the Olney Library table, along with some members of the FOL. Nina received many positive comments from Olney Library patrons who praised the staff, extensive library hours, programs such as Legos and technology for seniors, and the rapid availability of new releases. Delays in e-books were one of the few criticisms.

a. Other: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next LAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. The LAC will not meet in December.

Minutes recorded by Audrey Partington.