

Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee
Summary Minutes
October 16, 2017

Members Present: Jill Brantley, Paulette Dickerson, Joan Flaherty, Mel Greberman, Kristen Maki, Joelle Mornini, Mary Ann Nyamweya, Chris Richardson, Jaime Robles, Jennifer Thornton.

Members Absent: Dana Anderson, Laura Briskin-Limehouse, Rodney Elin, Minnedore Green, Deborah Hughes, Carlos Munoz Jimenez, Eric Weiner.

Others Present: Uzoma Onyemaechi, Library Manager; Kim Durcho, Library Board Liaison; Kathlin Smith, President, Friends of the Library, Silver Spring Chapter; Elizabeth Baer, Guest.

1. Call to Order and Self-Introductions - The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by Paulette Dickerson, Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2017 – The following changes were made to the Minutes: LAC member Kristen Maki was present; Kim Durcho is the Board Liaison, not an LAC member; Burney Simpson and Becky Reeve were present as members of the FOLSSC; LAC member Jennifer Thornton is not the Chair of the Arts and Literary Events subcommittee but did give that Report. Motion to approve moved and seconded. Minutes unanimously approved with the aforementioned changes.

3. Reports

a. Arts & Literary Events - Jennifer Thornton.

The next author series program is on Thursday, October 19. The guest author is Andrew Gifford. He will discuss his book *We All Scream: The Fall of the Gifford's Ice Cream Empire*. He will be in conversation with writer, critic, and author Bethanne Patrick, who was herself a guest in our series. (The Gifford Program advertising flyer is attached).

The November program is scheduled for the 16th and will feature author Judith Warner. She will discuss her books *We've Got Issues: Children and Parents in the Age of Medication* and *Perfect Madness: Motherhood in the Age of Anxiety*. She will be in conversation with long time NPR radio host Kitty Eisele.

b. Library Manager – Uzoma Onyemaechi.

The process of adding new and deleting old books and replacing those that are damaged continues. The library has lost two employees due to promotion and transfer and is expecting a new person from Bethesda by November 1st. Foot traffic for September was 40864.

The elevators and escalators have been consistently out of service for varying periods of time from January-September 2017. The County responds that repair parts have been ordered. The escalators are down every week. They have also been turned off due to excessive noise which affects the business of Kefa Café.

An American Sign Language Bilingual Storytime program was hosted, as well as an iPad Basic Course. In collaboration with Montgomery College, U.S. Citizenship Test Preparation classes will run through the end of November. (The Manager's Report is attached).

c. Library Board Liaison – Kim Durcho.

The Board is working on County Council and County Executive candidate forums for end of May, and will develop talking points for the LACs. The updated LAC Handbook is set to be voted on in December. The LAC Brochure is being redesigned. The concern about inadequate Signage outside the library was presented to the Board. The annual Joint Meeting with the Friends of the Library and LACs will be on Wednesday, November 15 at the Kensington Park Library. The Award for LAC of the Year will go to the Accessibility Center. The Award for Member of the Year will go to Jaime Robles. (The Board Liaison's Report is attached).

d. Friends of the Library - Kathlin Smith.

Phase 2 of the Early Literacy Center is complete with the installation of a Book Mobile and Alphabet Whirligig. An opening ceremony is scheduled for November 5 (See attached Flyer). The lack of adequate signage for the library was again mentioned as a continuing concern. A recruiting call for volunteer Officers of the FOLSSC was made.

e. Chair's Report - Paulette Dickerson.

The Chair found a chart in a County website which requires that Library Board members appointed to their term of service by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council attend at least two-thirds of all scheduled Library Board meetings, or face expulsion. She raised imposing this requirement on members of the LAC for Committee meetings. A question was raised as to its applicability to LAC members who are neither appointed by the Executive or confirmed by the Council. She will speak with Rodney Elin, Website Administrator, about transferring our Documents from Yahoo to a more secure location. No word yet on the final MCPL analysis of the Patron Survey conducted by the LAC at the Library from May 15-July 15. The County has put out a Request for Contractor Bids to move the Lion & Mouse Sculpture from the roof of the library to the grassy area on the corner of Fenton and Bonifant Streets; updates to be provided. Spoke to the Thanksgiving Day Parade on Saturday, November 18. Will invite MCPL Acting Director Anita Vasallo to meet with us in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.