

Germantown LAC minutes - October 24, 2002

In attendance:

Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum (Regional Manager)

Janice Levine (liaison from the Library Board)

Aditi Singh (LAC member)

Spencer Hines (LAC member)

Cindy Styles (LAC member)

1. The meeting was called to order by Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum (Library regional manager) in lieu of a chair.
2. Introductions of everyone in attendance took place. Adrienne noted that two potential LAC members Nick (last name unknown to me) and Susan Farand could not be here.
3. Adrienne gave the Regional Managers report

Highlights in lieu of a written report (I'm not sure there is one):

Most staff positions in Germantown are filled. There are two vacancies

A lot of renovations have taken place (new carpets, lighting, desks).

The library is trying to expand self checkout; hopefully it will soon be the primary checkout method. Self checkin is also available.

There is a place for collection suggestions on the website and people with suggestions should be directed there

Programming is doing well and increasing as we recover from COVID.

More people are needed on the LAC. We are encouraged to help find volunteers representing the entire library community and give them the link to the application

Adrienne noted that LAC members need to fill out the General Volunteer Registration Form and bring it to the library. We also need to fill out emergency contacts. Forms were handed out.

Spencer asked for suggestions of what the library needs feedback from the community that the LAC could help with. She noted that ideas were needed for reaching lapsed users, reaching out to families with children, reaching teens, and how to generally get the word out that the library is available and what it can do.

4. Janice gave the Library Board Liaison report

Highlights in lieu of a written report:

The strategic plan is online. Janice went briefly through the plan.

She noted there is a major zoom meeting scheduled for November 2nd at 7:00 for all of the LAC's and the Library board, which will include presenting the strategic plan. She will send out a zoom link

5. New business:

* Election of chair and secretary. With two members missing, it was decided to name an acting Chair and Secretary until the next meeting. Aditi Singh was named acting chair and Spencer Hines was named acting Secretary. This will be revisited at the next meeting when two other people will be here.

* Schedule. It was decided that meetings shall be on the fourth Monday of each month, at 7:15 pm. Meetings for now will be on zoom with approximately one meeting per quarter in person. Adrienne will send out the zoom link for the next meeting. The first in person meeting will be March.

* Cindi brought up the possibility of letting Braver Angels use the library. She noted that Braver Angels used to be known as "Better Angels" and sponsors moderated discussions between conservatives and liberals to encourage understanding. Adrienne noted that the library tries to avoid anything that is political but that she will bring the suggestion forward.

Thanks

Spence