

Agenda – November 28 LAC meeting prepared by Aditi

1. Introduction - Laura, Germantown Library Branch Supervisor
2. Introductions - New members
3. Regional Managers Report
 - a. By Adrienne
 - b. Adrienne doesn't really have a report
4. Library Board Report
 - a. By Janice – made report
 - b.
5. Increasing outreach/engagement with committee
6. Elections for chair/secretary
 - a. Did not hold an election last time due to members being absent. Will need to elect an official chair and secretary

November 28 LAC Minutes

In attendance:

Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum (Regional Manager)
Laurel Bechtel Branch Supervisor
Janice Levine (liaison from the Library Board)
Aditi Singh (Chair)
Spencer Hines (Secretary)
Nicolm Mahabir (LAC member)
Susan Farrand (LAC member)

Cindy Styles was unable to be there due to technical issues.

Reports:

Janice Levine provided a report from the Library Board (attached).
Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum did not provide a report because most of the information needed was covered in Laura Bechtel's discussion.

Old Business:

Introductions:

Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum introduced Laurel Bechtel, Branch Supervisor
Nicolm Mahabir and Susan Farand introduced themselves to the group and provided a brief background.

Election of Officers.

Due to two vacancies at the last meeting, the elections for Chair and Secretary were considered temporary and elections were deferred to this meeting

Aditi Singh was elected Chair

Spencer Hines was elected Secretary

Approval of October Minutes:

The minutes from the October meeting were approved with one correction, the addition of Nicolm Mahabir's full name.

New Business:

Janice Levine encouraged LAC members to attend the Budget Forum on December 12th at Blackrock (see her report), and if possible, speak to the need for a robust library budget.

Susand Farrand noted that the library's newest employee is Sarah Mecklenburg, with a background in outreach. She requested that Ms. Mecklenburg attend one of our meetings.

Spencer Hines proposed that, in light of the recent disruptions in democratic process in our country, the library should have a resource theme or theme in the front has regarding citizenship, voting, and democracy.

Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum noted that book sales are starting again, with the first one to take place on December 10th (a Saturday). These will resume monthly.

General Discussion on ways to increase LAC membership and use of the library

Aditi Singh suggested a brochure on the LAC and also a bookmark with LAC information and activities, to be given out to patrons of the library.

It was noted youth membership is needed. The earliest age for serving on the LAC is 14. It was suggested that information should be given to the local librarian (Media Specialist) at local schools.

The next LAC meeting is January 23rd on Zoom.

Submitted by Spencer Hines, Secretary.