Little Falls Library Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting

August 1, 2023 6:30 PM

The meeting was started by Chair Irem DeMirkan at 6:33 pm with the following attendees:

Irem DeMirkan, Chair
Kate Sweeney, Regional Manager
Kathie Davies, Secretary
Gerry Ostrove
Tamara Zemlo
Hannah November
Robert November

Approval of Minutes.

An edit was made to the minutes for the June 20, 2023 meeting to correct Tamara Zemlo's name. The corrected minutes were approved as edited. This is Hannah November's last meeting as Secretary.

Report by Kate Sweeney.

Two unfilled part time library assistant positions have been changed to one full time position and listed in the transfer opportunity email.

Summer reading is in full swing. A button making event was held on June 17 and Groovy Nate performed. There is one more big event planned for August 4, Master Storyteller.

Hannah November asked if her grandchildren in Baltimore could get their own Montgomery County library card. Ms. Sweeney said that if you live in MD, you can get your own card free. If you live outside of MD, and are not in the reciprocity areas such as DC and VA, you can still get a library card but would have to pay.

Old Business

Outside area project. Jane Mandelbaum has been rewriting the RFP. Tamara Zemlo and Jane Mandelbaum went to see the Kensington Library outdoor space. The RFP as currently drafted is based on use by 40 people. Kate Sweeney will set up a meeting with Linda Curvey-Brown, the Little Falls Library Manager, and others to discuss the types of programs that the space might be used for and how many participants there could be. Based on input received, the cost of the proposal could be \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Library Plantings.

The Library Manager would like to improve the landscaping around the library. The biggest problem is that there is no outside water source at the library. The Manager is preparing a justification for rainwater barrels.

New Business

Joint Meeting between the Library Board and the LACs October 12.

The next LAC meeting, which is October 3, will be hybrid if arrangements can be made.

High school prospective volunteers can check with the volunteer programmer for opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.