

Little Falls Library Advisory Committee Minutes

February 4, 2025

Attendees:

Patrick Fromm, Regional Manager
Marilyn Schiff, Library Board
Irem Demirkan, Chair
Geraldine Ostrove
Jane Mendelbaum
Tamara Zemlo
Kaki Power
Robert November
Hannah November
Katherine Davies, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

The minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting were approved with two corrections. The “Enoch Pratt Library” was corrected to read “Enoch Pratt Free Library”. It was noted that Robert and Hannah November were absent.

Marilyn Schiff reported on a joint meeting of the Library Board and the Friends of the Library at which the new Director of the MCPL spoke. Little Falls Library LAC members Robert and Hannah November, Kaki Power and Jane Mendelbaum attended virtually.

Darcell Graham, the new Director of MCPL, wants to continue the strategic plan until there is a new County Executive. She talked about her priorities:

Pre-reading for toddlers
Working more with teenagers

Improving foreign language collections.

The new Director wants the library to partner with other government agencies and health workers. She also wants us to advocate for the library. In that regard, she encourages participation in Library Legislative Day in Annapolis on February 11th. There is a breakfast at 7:30 AM, followed by a briefing on bills affecting libraries, after which people are encouraged to talk to their representatives about supporting the libraries. She would like to have more resources for training and development.

The Noyes Library for Young Children in Kensington will be rehabbed with a combination of private money, Montgomery County money and State money.

Irem asked if book related items were sold to benefit the libraries. Patrick Fromm said no because the governmental nature of Montgomery County libraries made it too complicated.

Irem also asked about the status of the survey. Patrick recommended that we let the new Director settle in before we raise it with her.

New Business

The observer who attended the last meeting would like to participate, but could not attend at the current schedule. For various reasons, Tuesday is the best day for the meeting, but we could change the time. The next meeting will be on April 1st and the time will be changed to 7:30 pm.

Tamara Zemlo mentioned a proposed presentation to be scheduled in connection with The Garden Party garden club called "The Fall and Rise of the American Chestnut" on April 8 at 5 pm at Little Falls Library.

Old Business

Patrick Fromm will send sticky note results and is putting up a poster regarding adult program recommendations. Library patrons write their

comments about the library, including suggestions, thanks, and complaints on sticky notes and post the notes on a board across from the check in counter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.