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Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7:15 pm
Kensington Park Public Library

Attendees: Mark Winek (chair); Brigitte Dubois (secretary); Toni Negro (library board liaison); Angelisa Hawes (assistant director for facilities and ADA); Diana Ditto (Noyes Foundation representative); Paulette Dickerson; Joanne Gillespie; Sarah Stanton; Jessica Chlu

1. Call to order: 7:18 pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. The minutes from January 9, 2020 were approved
4. Reports
 - a. Chair's membership report (Mark)
 - i. No new LAC applications have been received. Mark reviewed when members' terms will end.
 - ii. Brigitte volunteered to write a blurb for LAC recruitment to be posted by members on local community listserves.
 - b. Angelisa Hawes (assistant director):
 - i. Seasonal books at Noyes have been brought down from the attic and will be available year round.
 - ii. Books on popular subjects (trains, transportation, diverse families, new babies, toilet learning) are being grouped together on the floor in response to requests.
 - iii. Book selectors from Collections Management will be working with Noyes librarians to assess gaps in the Noyes collection and order additional books.
 - iv. Lights were replaced recently at Noyes.
 - v. In September, Noyes staff practiced an emergency evacuation as the FEAP (facility emergency action plan) for Noyes was reviewed and updated.
 - vi. Noyes has programming every day it is open. Thursdays are the most popular program, with 70 people recently attending over two story hours. Ticketing has been implemented.
 - vii. Upcoming programs will focus on STEAM concepts; for example, baking and numerology for Pi Day and painting flower pots for Mother's Day. This year's summer reading theme is "Imagine your Story."
 - c. Library board liaison report (Toni)
 - i. Praisner Library branch has reopened.

- ii. Montgomery County and some other counties have left an e-book consortium available to public libraries and will be working directly with the e-book providers.
 - iii. The state of Maryland is working on legislation to eliminate library fines for patrons under age 18. Montgomery County has already eliminated fines for children, yet may not completely eliminate library fines (as the American Library Association has recommended) because they are a source of revenue.
 - iv. The library board discussed how vacancies are recruited and filled. Oftentimes, waiting to recruit for several positions at once is the best way to get a strong pool of applicants.
 - v. The LAC handbook and LAC membership was discussed.
 - 1. Of note, members can only serve on one neighborhood branch LAC, with the exception of Noyes, the correctional facility library, and the ADA group.
 - 2. Term limits: An LAC chair can serve two consecutive terms. A chair's term can be extended by one additional term if requested by a library board liaison. Chair and secretary terms are for one year. General member terms are for three years.
 - vi. Toni shared a handout from the library board's annual report that gave ideas regarding the work of other LACs.
 - vii. Toni reported that she testified to Montgomery County Council on behalf of Noyes library, and spoke with Councilmember Jawando afterwards. He said he wants to attend a story time at Noyes to see the library in action. She provided copies of her testimony to the LAC. The group discussed that the summer could be a good time for Noyes to be the venue for one of Jawando's "Community Conversations."
- d. Noyes Foundation report (Diana):
- i. The Winter Wonderland Ball on January 26 was a success, with over 200 people attending.
 - ii. Diana explained that the Noyes Foundation learned in November that the projected cost of the building renovation has increased from \$1,600,000 to \$2,085,000. Some cost increases are due to bringing the building into compliance with current safety code, plus the addition of a glass elevator to plans. Members of the Noyes Foundation testified at the county budget hearing, noting that fundraising for a county-owned building has been difficult. The Foundation has raised \$835,000 thus far.

5. Unfinished business

- a. Sarah suggested that more books at Noyes be presented forward-facing and grouped by category in order to encourage children's enthusiasm for finding books and reading.
- b. Joanne said that parking spaces on the far side of Warner Mansion and the carriage house can be used by Noyes patrons, but no signs can be posted indicating that.

6. New business

- a. Mark encouraged members to attend Councilmember Jawando's listening sessions at local libraries: Feb. 24 at Twinbrook, March 9 at Praisner, March 23 at Davis.
- b. Paulette encouraged members to attend "Fridays with Friedson," hosted by Andrew Friedson, councilmember for District One, which includes Kensington Park and Noyes, to advocate for Noyes.
- c. Initiatives for the year:
 - i. Mark reviewed ideas discussed at the January meeting. The following ideas were discussed:
 1. Hosting an author visit at Noyes, potentially in coordination with other library branches, and potentially under the umbrella of the Jan Jablonski Early Literacy Center at Noyes.
 - a. Diana mentioned the Noyes Foundation has contacts with local authors.
 - b. Mark suggested the LAC could consider hosting a Maryland author in conjunction with Kensington Day of the Book in 2021.
 2. Diana suggested having local "celebrity readers" (e.g., fire fighters, police officers, or others) lead a series of read-alouds/story times at Noyes
 3. Promoting Noyes events and information on monument signs located at other branch libraries
 4. Hosting a family-oriented New Year's Eve ball drop.
 - ii. Mark suggested the group further discuss 1, 2 and 3 at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment: 8:53 pm