Noyes Library for Young Children Library Advisory Committee Minutes July 13, 2023 Via Zoom

Paulette Dickerson (chair), Brigitte Dubois, Jenny Gaylin, Joanne Gillespie, Lori McCarthy, Sarah Stanton, Carla Vale (MCPL Board Liaison), Dianne Whitaker (MCPL Regional Manager for Kensington Park, Noyes, Olney, and Wheaton), Mark Winek (secretary)

- 1. Call to Order/Self-Introductions
 - a. Called to order at 7:33pm in the presence of a quorum.
 - b. Attendees introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 9, 2023 Paulette Dickerson moved to approve the minutes and they were approved unanimously.
 - b. May 11, 2023 Paulette Dickerson moved to approve the minutes and they were approved unanimously.
- 3. Announcements
 - a. Departures
 - i. Sarah Stanton, Lesley Maloney, Joanne Gillespie are rotating off of the LAC
 - b. Elections
 - i. Elections will be held as New Business
 - ii. Paulette reviewed the eligibility and responsibilities for elected positions as covered in the LAC Handbook
 - iii. The position of Chair and Secretary are open for self-nomination.
- 4. Reports
 - a. Library Management Report—Branch Manager Dianne Whitaker
 - i. Staffing Changes
 - 1. Welcomed a second page, Rachel, in May, working on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - 2. New part-time children's librarian starting the week of July 17
 - 3. Library Assistant 1 transferring out of Noyes on July 30 to Olney
 - ii. Collection
 - 1. Weeding has continued but at a slower pace due to the summer reading program and reduced staffing.
 - iii. Facilities
 - 1. No new updates
 - iv. Programming
 - 1. Summer reading challenge
 - a. Around 3,000 attended the kickoff on June 17 at the Rockville Memorial Library and Town Center

- b. Over 11,000 children and teens are participating so far in 2023, with the library expecting to surpass the 13,000 registered in 2022.
- Noyes family story times continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Saturdays alternating between family story times and STEM events.
- 3. Boogie Woogie Wednesdays, evening children's dance and play programming was held on July 12 and scheduled for July 26.
- 4. The July 8 STEM event was fizzy paint fireworks with "Things that Fly" planned for July 22.
- v. Statistics
 - 1. In May and June, Noyes held 34 programs with 2,355 total attendees
 - The average Tuesday/Thursday family storytime attendance is 100 attendees, Wednesday evening programs average 40 attendees, and Saturday morning programs average about 55 attendees
- b. Library Board Liaison Report—Carla Vale
 - i. Board met June 14 and July 12
 - 1. Since May 2023, received 10 applications to join LACs in libraries across the county. Nine were accepted and one sent back due to an incomplete application.
 - Board members work to reach out to council members in support of library funding. A budget cut would have reduced \$825,000 funding but this was averted thanks to advocacy in support of the library and action by Council members.
 - 3. Juneteenth events were held across the branches
 - 4. Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
 - a. Library Board received a presentation on July 12 from Accessibility Advisory Committee chair Francie Gilman
 - b. The Committee is similar to LACs but they provide recommendations for the full library system
 - c. Twelve members serve on the committee
 - d. Provide recommendations to the branches to foster and enhance inclusion for people with disabilities when they visit the libraries to take advantage of library services.
 - e. Working with staff to improve the accessibility of the library's website
 - i. Detailed accessibility information for using the libraries is now more visible on the Library's website under the "Use the Library" section as "Accessibility and Inclusion".
 - 5. LAC Handbook

- a. Effort to update the handbook from February. All LACs have been asked to send Janice updates or clarifications. These can be sent to her directly
- 6. LAC activities
 - a. The Board is looking for ways to connect all LAC officers and members to share ideas and what has been successful
 - Ideas will be brought to the board in September by Director Anita Vassallo for ways that this can be done between members while preserving privacy
- 7. Plan to hold a Joint Board/LAC meeting on October 11. In-person meeting in Rockville Carla Hayden has been invited to attend hope that as many people can attend as possible.
- c. Noyes Renovation
 - i. There were no updates.
- d. Noyes Foundation
 - No Foundation members were able to attend the meeting.
- 5. Old Business
 - a. There was no old business.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Elections

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- i. Secretary -
 - 1. Mark Winek self-nominated.
 - 2. No other nominations were received.
 - 3. Mark Winek was unanimously elected.
- ii. Chair -
 - 1. Paulette was nominated by Joanne Gillespie.
 - 2. No other nominations were received.
 - 3. Paulette Dickerson was elected with an aye vote by Brigitte Dubois, Jenny Gaylin, Joanne Gillespie, Lori McCarthy, Sarah Stanton, and Mark Winek with one member abstaining.
 - 4. Carla Vale will bring this election to the Library Board for approval as Paulette has served 2 consecutive terms.
- 7. Adjournment
 - a. Paulette Dickerson moved to adjourn at 8:04pm, which was unanimously confirmed.

The next meeting is September 14, 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom.