

Marilyn Praisner Library Advisory Committee

December 18, 2024

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Hybrid and In-Person

Present: Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager); Johnna Mahoney (LAC Secretary); Robin Dennis; Robert Aceituno; Natasha Dahl

1. Call to order - 7:12 pm - Quorum met
2. Prior minutes reviewed and approved - from October meeting, quorum not met in November
3. Reports
 - a. Membership Report
 - i. No new members since prior meeting
 - b. Regional Manager's Report
 - i. Facilities
 1. Transitioned to new computers last week
 - ii. Collections
 1. Current collection work is up to date
 - iii. Programs
 1. Past programs:
 - a. Most popular program is family storytimes on Thursday mornings
 - b. Steady attendance at book clubs
 - c. A "Do-it-yourself" gifts night was held recently
 - d. Astronomy night in November was held after hours on a Friday, had ~30 people in attendance
 2. Upcoming highlights:
 - a. Sunday December 22 - NIH Chamber Singers Winter Concert
 3. Outreach
 - a. Children's staff continues to visit local elementary schools
 - b. Discussed ideas to better appeal to teens
 - i. National board game day is April 11, could we build a program around that?
 - ii. National puzzle day is January 29
 - iv. Staffing - no staffing updates
 - c. Library Board Liaison Report
 - i. Melanye Johnson not present at this meeting so no formal report was given
 - ii. Dianne was at the most recent board meeting and gave us a brief update: there will be a joint meeting on January 15th to introduce the new library director. The meeting will be hybrid (virtual/in person at Wheaton). As this is our regular meeting time, we will not have a LAC meeting in January.

- iii. The most recent board meeting also included a budget presentation.
Public hearings on the budget will be held in April.
- 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. LAC meeting the staff
 - i. Dianne has reached out to the librarians and hopes to have one of the Librarian 2's at our February meeting.
- 5. New Business - No new business discussed
- 6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 - **due to the joint meeting on January 15, the next MP LAC meeting will be February 19th at 7:00 pm**