



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE OAK BRANCH

Jan 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Paulette Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Jan Bloom, Muriel Hairston-Cooper, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck, Frances Schueler, Cathy Stewart, Paulette Wright

Other attendees: Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison, Kathie Meizner, White Oak Branch Manager, Connie Oprisch, White Oak FOL Member

The minutes from the Nov 5, 2019 meeting were approved.

MCPL Board Liaison Report

Carrie Villar announced the release of the MCPL and FOL-MC FY 2021 Advocacy Toolkit. The Toolkit is available at www.folmc.org/support/advocacy-toolkit/. The Advocacy Toolkit provides sample letters and emails the public can use to communicate support for robust library funding in the FY2021 budget with County Council members.

The County Executive is using a new process - Outcome-Based Budgeting - for FY2021. The MCPL funding request includes these items under this new process:

1. \$43 million Basic Budget to fund continuation of current operations
2. Enhancement Budget dollars to fund:
 - a. 8-hour Sundays at all branches
 - b. One Early Literacy Outreach Librarian
 - c. Equalize hours at all branches excluding Noyes and Nightingale.

Membership Report

Natasha Isler's new member application is pending. Muriel Hairston-Cooper's membership has expired. Lamar Bailey's, Cathy Stewart's and Paulette Wright's memberships will expire before the next White Oak LAC meeting.

Branch Manager Report from Kathie Meizner

Facility: Status quo.

Staff: The two White Oak staff loaned to Marilyn Praisner to backfill critical vacancies at that branch have completed their loan services and are again working fulltime at White Oak.

Programs: Gilcrest Center Thursday evening drop-in program continues. Enrollment is almost full in the Wednesday *Introduction to Computers* program. The library-based Sunday afternoon Citizenship Program is on-hold until a new instructor is identified to conduct the program in English to address a broader segment of the White Oak community. The prior Citizenship Program, staffed through Baltimore City College and conducted only in Vietnamese, moved to the White Oak Rec Center.

Other: MCPL transitioned to an individual partnership with OverDrive on January 6th. Customers who use the Libby app or the old OverDrive app (MCPL recommends you switch to Libby) need to add MCPL as a library and authenticate with their library card. OverDrive instructions are available at <https://help.libbyapp.com/6010.htm>.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business: The MCPL Board website does not reflect current expectations regarding the completeness and timeliness of information. The State of the Library presentation on the website is from FY2017. Individual LAC Agendas and Minutes vary from non-existent to complete.

The next White Oak LAC meeting is at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Meeting Room 2. Fran Schueler will take the meeting minutes in Ellen Melle's absence. The final White Oak LAC meeting in the 2019-2020 fiscal year will be held on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Melle, Secretary
White Oak LAC