

McLean Community Center  
Meeting of the 2017-2018 Program Committee  
August 15, 2017

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Desi Woltman, Chair; Julie Waters; Alex Camus; Caroline Brunner; Elizabeth Johns; Laurelie Wallace; and Paul Kohlenberger

**Committee Board Members Absent:** Alicia Plerhoples

**Staff Members Present:** George Sachs, Executive Director; Ashok Karra, Comptroller; Robin Walker, Social Media Editor; Sarah Schallern, Director of The Alden; Maggie Shea, Director of Programing; Mike Fisher, Old Firehouse General Manager; Catherine Nesbitt, Manager of Special Events

**Guests:** None

**CONVENE MEETING**

Mrs. Woltman convened the meeting of the 2017-2018 Program Committee of the McLean Community Center (MCC) on August 15, 2017 at approximately 6:04 p.m.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment was made.

**REVIEW ANNUAL GOALS AND ASSIGN MEASUREMENTS (VALUE AND ALIGNMENTS) - Desi Woltman, Program Chair**

A motion was made by Mrs. Woltman Program Chair to delay the discussion of these two agenda items until the next meeting of the committee.

**Motion: that it is recommended to table the discussion of the internal and external alignment measures and goals of this committee until the next meeting of the Program Committee.**

*Decision:* The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion: Delete the 2017-2018 Program Committee Goal, “Optimize the New MCC footprint by revisiting the type and scope of programs and community” and replace it with “Enhance community awareness of MCC programs and solicit assistance from Friends of the McLean Community Center.”**

*Decision:* The motion passed unanimously.

The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. and the next Governing Board meeting is on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at MCC’s Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Dr. McLean, Va.

**General Program Director Maggie Shea**, who supervises the following programs areas: special events, Old Firehouse and classes gave an in-depth report on the instructional programs offered over the past year including the number of participants and class evaluations. Ms. Shea also discussed trends she noticed and she takes that into account for planning purposes. Ms. Shea remarked that residents would like to see more classes offered after 5:30 p.m. and early morning 8:00 a.m. for families who have young children. Ms. Shea spoke a little about the youth programs and events such as Harvest Happenings, Breakfast With Santa, School Break Trips, Monster Mash Party, Camp McLean and the Old Firehouse After-School Programs. Both the Haunted and Gingerbread House workshops will not occur in FY17 due to lack of a space large enough to accommodate the participants.

**Special Events Manager Catherine Nesbitt** gave an overview of the special events, such as McLean Day, Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, Antique Show, Craft Show, Better Than Bling and the Garage Sale. Ms. Nesbitt stated due to our temporary relocation while our Ingleside building is under renovation, the Volunteer Social, the Antique Show and the Craft Shows will all not occur in FY18. McLean Day 2018 carnival rides will open for the first time on the Friday before the event for McLean’s families to enjoy. In FY19, a past event will be brought back with new and exciting activities for pet lovers. It is suggested that PetFest will include veterinarians speaking on how to be a great pet owner, demonstrations by therapy dog organizations, and pet vendors.

**Performing Arts Director Sarah Schallern** reported on the wide array of performing arts program. These include expanded Quote-Along Movies at the Old Firehouse, expanded Sunday Summer Concerts in the Park, Youth Theatre Productions such as “Peggy the Pint-Size Pirate,” Outdoor Family Concert Series will occur on Sundays so that families can attend together and it will replace the mid-week Jammin’ Juniors concerts, (the) Unruly Theatre Project includes both (the) Unruly Theatre Company and (the) Unruly Improv, and the James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Awards. New this year will be master classes for children by the Amazing Magic Max and Intro to Djembe Drumming and Drum Circle. An alternative to our Shakespeare Festival is new play called “The Forecast” which is to be performed at the Old Firehouse on the same weekend as the 2018 Fall For Book Festival.

**Old Firehouse General Manager Mike Fisher** reported on programs and MCC Camps. A new program was mentioned to replace the old Friday night dances which has been dropping in attendants for the past few

years. In its place will be a new dance experience for the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday nights called “After 7.” Kids will enjoy catered food and drinks while immersing themselves in music played by one of the most popular, well-known DJs from a local radio station. The Old Firehouse also offers Family Movie Nights, Family Bingo Nights, and both Teacher Workdays, Winter and Spring Break Trips. The Block Party is an annual event which features community booths, music, food, games and an open house before the start of the new school year. Other activities at the Old Firehouse include the SPARC group which meets multi times a week and many drop-in activities including ping pong, bridge and open compute lab.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS – Desi Woltman, Program Chair**

Woltman reminded the committee members about a housekeeping item that all members will need to correspond with Robin Walker as to their attendance for committee meetings. A quorum is four committee members must be present for the committee to meet. Executive Director George Sachs recommended that committee members attend the Vienna Community Center’s Open House on Saturday, September 23 from 1-5 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mrs. Woltman adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Desi Woltman, Program Chair and  
Secretary MCC Governing Board