Committee Chair Russell opened the meeting at 10:05 AM. Two committee members were present and Library Director Hudson was in attendance.

The minutes of the January 2018 meeting were approved.

The committee reviewed its Library Board of Trustee bylaws. A review of the bylaws was prompted by Trustee Dando’s request to allow for proxy voting. The committee discussed the pros and cons of proxy voting; pros being that it allows for participation when members are not able to attend in person and cons being that there is currently a robust amount of in person participation which could be adversely affected if proxy voting were implemented. The committee decided not to include language about proxy voting in a recommended bylaws update but will request that the full Board address the topic.

Additional edits to the bylaws include removing “voice” as a requirement for voting, changes in grammar, consolidation of language around meeting times/locations, the addition of a footnote related to the School Board appointee to the Board, the removal of a footnote related to compensation for Board members, and the update of the Robert’s Rules of Order edition and date. Additionally, the committee discussed Article VIII, Section 1, C, where non-committee members are allowed to participate in any committee, and take place on voting issues. The committee will request further consideration from the full Board as to the intent of this section; is it to allow any Trustee to attend committee meetings with discussion, or should it be extended to allow any Trustee to vote at any committee meeting as well? After discussion and edits, the committee approved an updated set of Library Board of Trustee bylaws. The update will be added to the February 14, 2018, full Library Board meeting as a consideration item.

The committee further reviewed Policy J, Regarding Privacy of Patrons’ Research and Reading Materials. The committee had reviewed this policy at their January 12, 2018, meeting and had been prepared to move it forward for consideration at that time. However, a community concern was raised regarding the privacy of minors’ cards, and at what point a parent was able to access their child’s account information. The committee discussed how the Fairfax County Public Library interprets VFOIA regarding this topic, as well as an opinion from the Virginia Attorney General provided in 2002 on this specific issue. A language update was included, along with previously approved edits from the January 2018 meeting, to indicate the ages when a parent may assume that they have access to a child’s library card record. The committee did not agree on those ages and the issue will have to be addressed by the full Board.

A next meeting of the ad hoc Policy Committee will be scheduled for a future date. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.