The Special meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 5:33pm with the following:

PRESENT: Lonnie Granier

Judy Bazare

Talisha Chiquet

Robert Rome

ABSENT: Selma Malcombe

Angelique Torres

Daniel Lorraine, Council Liaison

Open Board Seat

Also present were Mrs. Laura Sanders, Director, Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance Manager, and Mrs. Dana Clement, Administrative Assistant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Bazare

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2018 Regular meeting was made by Mrs. Bazare, seconded by Mr. Rome, and carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2018 Special meeting was made by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, and carried unanimously.

Public wishing to address the Board: N/A

Finance Report:

Mrs. Lucas reported we ended October with approximately $11.7 million and our balance today is $11.2 million. On Nov. 27, the Parish Council approved our Thibodaux Branch Addition and a cooperative agreement with Jefferson Parish to piggyback on their existing library furniture contract. Also, the Council has been working to approve the Parish’s 2019 Consolidated Budget, and we have confirmed that the Library’s budget was included as approved by the Library Board on May 21, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, to accept the Finance Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Report:

Mrs. Sanders reported managing the daily operations of the Library system; LPPL is honored to have been selected as the final stop on the *American Conversations: Celebrating Poems in Rural Communities* tour featuring Tracy K. Smith. Ms. Smith will be reading her poetry at programs on Friday, Dec 14th 6-8pm at the Jean Lafitte Cultural Center and Saturday, Dec 15th 10-11am at the South Lafourche Branch. A motion was made by Mrs. Bazare, seconded by Mrs. Chiquet, to accept the Director’s Report. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion and approval of LPPL cost share of 2019 employee insurance coverage: Mrs. Sanders informed the Board the Parish has switched to United Healthcare for health and dental. Mrs. Sanders asked the Board to continue the same cost share for LPPL employees as 2018, whereby the Library pays health insurance premiums at 93% for individuals and 90% for family plans. Also, the Library pays low-level dental for employees only. A motion was made by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, to approve continuing the current insurance cost shares on health and dental for LPPL employees for 2019. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Granier yes, Mrs. Bazare yes, Mr. Rome yes, and Mrs. Chiquet abstained due to a relative working at the library. The measure passed 3-0-1-1.
2. Approval of amended 2019 LBC meeting calendar: Mrs. Sanders reminded the Board that the ALA Mid-Winter Conference is Jan 25-29, 2019 and conflicts with the current January meeting. She suggested changing the meeting date to January 14th. A motion was made by Mrs. Chiquet, seconded by Mr. Rome, to accept the amended 2019 LBC meeting calendar.
3. Discussion and approval of the Internet Safety Policy for Lafourche Parish Public Library: Mrs. Sanders explained this is a new requirement by eRate for the Board to approve this policy. A motion was made by Mrs. Bazare, seconded by Mrs. Chiquet, to accept the LPPL Internet Safety Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Chiquet, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 6:10pm.