

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 5:00pm with the following:

PRESENT: Bennie Smith
Judy Bazare
Angelique Torres
Shane Terrebonne
Selma Malcombe
Suzanne Troxclair

ABSENT: Harvey Clement
John Arnold, Liaison

Also present were Mrs. Laura Sanders, Director, and Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance Manager

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Bazare.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Terrebonne and seconded by Mrs. Bazare, the minutes of the August 25, 2014 Library Board of Control regular meeting were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Wishing to Address the Board-N/A

Finance Report:

Mrs. Lucas reported the library ended August with approximately \$9.8 million and our balance today is \$9.6 million. Thibodaux Roof Expenditures: I was hoping to report that this project with CAMCO was closed out but some type of wording issue in the closeout paperwork has caused a delay. The \$5700 change order and final retainage have not been paid yet. To date on the roof project we have spent \$190,837. FEMA Katrina funds update: I have confirmed \$35,302 was deposited into our account by the Parish on 8/7/2014.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Bazare, seconded by Mrs. Malcombe, the Finance Report was accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Report:

Mrs. Sanders welcomed our newly appointed Board member, Suzanne Troxclair to the Board; emailed Lisa Orgeron, per Board request concerning Choctaw playground and received no reply; completed 5-year plan for Board approval prior to presenting to State Library. Update on Thibodaux-The repairs to the mansard by Lapeyrouse Co. should begin any day now. The HVAC project is on the Sept 23 council meeting agenda. Thibodaux is gearing up for our Fall Primetime in October at the Thibodaux Branch. Our next Primetime will be at the Larose Branch in March 2015. Councilmen John Arnold, LBC Liaison spoke with Mrs. Randolph on our behalf regarding a credit card; received word from Mr. Arnold that the Parish Finance Dept. is suppose too be in touch with the Library with an alternate proposal. We are setting up tablet stations at the branches for patron use. I've included a copy of my recent blog explaining the value of such offerings within our Library system. This month is "Fine Forgiveness Month" all fines except Laptop fines are forgiven. Anyone owing money may bring in a nonperishable food item or pet supplies to participate in the program. All items collected will be donated to organizations in the individual areas including the animal shelter.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Bazare seconded by Mrs. Torres, the Director's report was accepted and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion and approval LPPL Grievance Policy:

Mrs. Sanders explained that the library system has been revising and updating our policies. I'm bringing policies to the Board that directly impact our employees such as the grievance policy.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Malcombe, seconded by Mr. Terrebonne, the updated LPPL Grievance Policy was approved by the Board. The motion carried unanimously

2. Discussion and approval LPPL 5-Year Plan:

Mrs. Sanders explained to the Board that this 5-year plan has to be presented to the Board for approval, prior to being submitted to the State Library. After completing the plan, I feel our libraries are moving in the right direction and believe we have room within the generalized goals to continue growing. A brief discussion followed and three small corrections were made to the proposed plan.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Troxclair, seconded by Mr. Terrebonne, the amended LPPL 5-Year plan was approved by the Board. The motion carried unanimously

Old Business: Mrs. Eva Shanklin was invited to attend this meeting to receive recognition for her 6 years of service to the Board. Mrs. Shanklin was not present, and Ms. Smith asked that we forward her our thanks. Ms. Smith assigned the new Board member, Mrs. Troxclair, to the By-Law Committee and suggested the committee meet soon to address some questions that had come up in previous meetings. An updated Committee membership list will be distributed at the next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Malcombe, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 5:25 P. M.