

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President, Bennett Bernard at 5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2006 in the Meeting Room of the Main Library. Board members present were Susan Hamilton, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen, Mark Tullos, Lee Verret, and Mr. Pat Logan, LCG Liaison. Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Administrative Assistant Larry Gass, Teresa Elberson, Library Operations Manager, Jerome Cummings, Librarian, and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary were also in attendance.

Guests present included Amy Wander, Librarian, Gail Smith, and Friends of the Library officers Alverta Hasling, Bobbie Dunbar and Dee Nolan.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Verret made a special presentation to the Friends of the Library to express the appreciation of the Library Board for the dedication and support that the Friends have shown to the library. A book has been placed in the collection commemorating the 2006 book sale by the Library Board of Control. Mrs. Hasling thanked the board for the recognition and stated that during the last 26 years the Friends have donated \$402,307.96. She also expressed thanks for the help of the volunteers and board members of the Friends. Mr. Verret stated that a plaque will be hung in the public area of the library to acknowledge the donations from the Friends on an annual basis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lee Verret to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2006 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The director's report and financial report are attached.

Young Adult Librarian II, Amy Wander, made a presentation to the board regarding the services of the reference department geared to the young adult community. Amy coordinates the Lafayette Teen Committee, which help suggest programs, materials, music, movies that are appealing to young adults. The programs for teens vary from month to month, and have included a CSI program, a Mario Kart Tournament, and a music trivia contest. Recently, the teen advisory board helped complete a survey on popular artists and music. New additions have been added to the collection based on the results. There is also a web page on the library website dedicated to teens.

Mrs. Elberson reported that Library Card Sign-up month is being held during October. Special incentive bags have been ordered for distribution with every new library card issued.

Ms. Dombourian provided a report on the library personnel changes. Presently there are 18 vacancies, including four vacant librarian positions. The positions have been advertised and efforts are being made to fill these vacancies.

Ms. Dombourian also provided a brief demonstration on a new service found on the library website called Tumblebooks and Bookletters.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, had no report.

Technology: Gail Smith, chair, had no report.

Logo: Mark Tullos, chair.

Mr. Tullos distributed a survey for consideration in developing the library logo.

He requested that replies be forwarded to him.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, had no report.

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair.

South Regional - The landscape committee met with Gene Sellers, landscape architect, and Denelle Wrightson. Construction bid costs are needed to finalize plans; some minor changes at this time -- adding some camellia Japonica in key areas, discussions about planting techniques, watering system, and seasonal color. Discussions also ensued concerning the maturity of plant material at the time of installation and the timing of installation to maximize plant health and vigor.

North Regional – A meeting has been set with Glenn Angelle and landscape architect, Lu Svendson for October 26th.

Site Selection: Lee Verret, chair, had no report.

Mission Statement: Ms. Dombourian, chair, had no report.

Donor Opportunities: Lee Verret, chair, had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

There was no administrative business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

2007 PROPOSED LIBRARY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The Lafayette City-Parish Council will be asked to approve the 2007 LCG employee holiday calendar at the first Council meeting in November. The 2007 holiday and closings schedule for the library was presented for consideration. A motion was made by Dr. Kreamer to accept the recommended schedule. The motion was seconded by Lee Verret, and passed unanimously. The staff will receive one floating holiday in exchange for the observed holiday scheduled for Acadian Day.

2007 PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The proposed library board meeting schedule was presented for consideration. Ms. Dombourian indicated that the January meeting has been changed to January 22 due to Martin Luther King Day and the February meeting has been changed to February 26th due to Mardi Gras. A motion was made by Dr. Kreamer to accept the recommended meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Verret, and passed unanimously.

EVALUATION OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Mark Tullos to go into executive session to discuss the evaluation of the Library Director. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreamer and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Dr. Kreamer to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Lee Verret and all were in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Dr. Kreamer to nominate Mark Tullos for President of the Library Board of Control. The motion was seconded by Pat Logan and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Lee Verret to nominate Kay Theunissen for the position of Vice-President of the Library Board of Control. The motion was seconded by Pat Logan and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Dombourian expressed thanks to Mr. Bernard for his term as President of the Library Board and stated that a book has been placed in the collection with a bookplate indicating the appreciation of the board and presented him with a library service pin.

Mr. Bernard expressed his thanks to the board and Ms. Dombourian and presented the board with a gavel plate which will be engraved with the new library logo and mission statement.

The Girl Scouts exhibit will be on display until October 28th in the former browsing room.

The Louisiana Book Festival will be held on October 28th in Baton Rouge.

Long-time library supporter, Mary Maizie Molett, passed away on September 27th. Mrs. Molett and her husband were very active with the Library Foundation, and was the first recipient of the Foundation Award. Dr. Kreamer suggested that a book be placed in the collection in her memory.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary