

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Mark Tullos at 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2007 in the Meeting Room of the Main Library. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Susan Hamilton, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Lee Verret, and Mr. Pat Logan, LCG Liaison. Board member Kay Theunissen was absent.

Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elbersen, Library Operations Manager, Jerome Cummings, Librarian, Larry Gass, Maintenance Supervisor, Lisa Breau, Director's Executive Secretary, and Systems Administrator Adam Melancon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jean Kreamer moved that the minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Lee Verret and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Systems Administrator Adam Melancon demonstrated the Nintendo Wii game system that was recently purchased by the Friends of the Library. Gaming tournaments have been held and future tournaments are scheduled for teens and children during the summer. Many libraries have found that gaming competitions have become very popular with young library patrons, and have used this attraction to bring them into the libraries.

Ms. Dombourian reported that three Librarian I positions are in the process of being filled. The applications for the manager positions at North and South Regional are still being reviewed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

The progress on the North Regional Library is continuing, with installation of the carpeting and the preparation of the underlay pad for the asphalt parking. The vinyl covering installation is nearly complete and the colors were admired by visitors during a recent tour. In addition, the mortar on the Genealogy arch will be painted to match the bricks which will offer better visibility of the sign letters.

The shafts for the South Regional Foundation were drilled last week. The construction schedule is still on track.

A video conference was held with Denelle Wrightson and Allen Bacque a few weeks ago to discuss plans for the Main Library renovation.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair reported that the re-bid opening for the North Regional landscaping will take place on April 24th.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair.

Technology: Gail Smith, chair, had no report.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, had no report.

Site Selection: Lee Verret, chair, reported that he is working to put together a map of the properties near the radius identified for the East Regional which will allow visualization of the property in the corridor along Hwy. 89 as well as the property owners for distribution at the scheduled building committee meeting.

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

Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen has assumed the chair of this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

LIBRARY LOGO

The discussion on the library logo was continued. Mark Tullos presented examples of the proposed logo with revisions as requested of the design team. Several suggestions were presented for possible consideration in regard to color choices, paper and font types. Dr. Kreamer moved to request that the design team move forward with the logo, with a recommendation that the designer study and present different color choices for the logo. The motion was seconded by Susan Hamilton and all were in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

There was no administrative business.

NEW BUSINESS

MAIN LIBRARY HOURS

Ms. Dombourian presented a proposal regarding a change in the hours for the Main Library during the summer. The Main Library has experienced a decrease in library usage during the last four years as a result of many factors including the opening of the Southside branch, enhanced services at other branches, the advent of the Internet and changing population and traffic patterns in Lafayette. While computer usage is heavy during early morning hours, checkouts and patron usage decrease after 7 p.m. In addition, summer usage is heaviest during the day, especially when programs are being held. Ms. Dombourian stated that revising the open hours would allow better utilization of our human resources to cover other facilities and help with customers during the summer especially during programs. Ms. Dombourian recommended that the Library Board authorize a change in library hours for the Main Library, effective May 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007, such that the library will close at 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Opening times and Friday, Saturday and Sunday hours will remain unchanged. Dr. Kreamer moved to accept the recommendation of the Library Director, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Verret. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary