

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 July 16, 2007 in the Meeting Room of the Main Library. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen, Lee Verret, and Mr. Pat Logan, LCG Liaison. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, Larry Gass, Maintenance Supervisor, Peggy Thibodeaux, Regional Library Branch Manager and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary.

Building Committee chairman Blaise Sonnier and Building Committee member Gail Smith were also present. Board Member Susan Hamilton was not in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jean Kreamer moved that the minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Lee Verret and all were in favor.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Dombourian provided a photo presentation of various library accomplishments during the past 13 years made possible by the contributions of Blaise Sonnier during his term as library board member and building committee chairman. Mr. Sonnier will be re-locating to Miami to accept a university teaching position. Mr. Sonnier was recognized for his support and dedication to the library with a distinguished citizen certificate from President Joey Durel, with a special book plated in his honor, *Creole Houses – Traditional Home of Old Louisiana*, and cake and refreshments.

### **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES**

The construction project updates were covered by Ms. Dombourian with items elsewhere on the library board meeting agenda. Ms. Dombourian stated that the site work at the South Regional Library is continuing. The project is 14% complete. A meeting was held with Denelle Wrightson and Gene Sellers to make selections on several building components. Ms. Dombourian presented photos of the site taken during the past month.

Ms. Dombourian also presented photos of the furnishings in the North Regional Library. Installation of the shelving and furniture is continuing and it is anticipated that the grand opening ceremony will take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The contractor is working on the punch list items.

### **BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair, reported that the installation of the irrigation system for North Regional is continuing.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, had no report.

Technology: Gail Smith, chair, had no report.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, had no report.

Site Selection: Lee Verret, chair, provided maps of the property identified in the target area for the West Regional Library as well as a list of property owners. Mr. Verret requested that the board members review the list for any possibilities that may exist to approach landowners for donation of land for the library. Mr. Verret also discussed the possibility of releasing another RFP for property for the East Regional library, including mailing notices to the identified property owners in the east target area. This item will be added to the next building committee agenda.

In addition, Mr. Verret presented the board with a copy of a poem written by Catherine Brasseaux. He expressed his desire to have a copy of the poem edited and framed appropriately for display in the North Regional Library.

Mission Statement: Vanessa Hill / Sona Dombourian, co-chairs, had no report.  
Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen, chair, had no report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PSA/DEWBERRY CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

Ms. Dombourian stated that she had spoken with Denelle Wrightson following the previous board meeting regarding the request for additional funds for the amounts exceeded in the original contract. At this time, Ms. Wrightson is gathering the information requested by the board and Ms. Dombourian hopes to have the information for the next board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY GRAND OPENING CEREMONY**

The grand opening ceremony of the North Regional Library is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m., however this date is contingent upon the construction completion and move-in of books and materials. A discussion was held regarding the invitation list, ceremony program and refreshments. Mr. Verret, Dr. Kreamer and Mr. Tullos volunteered to work with the library staff to develop a plan for the grand opening ceremony. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. for further discussion and planning of the event.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Dombourian announced the recent death of Mrs. Phyllis Caffery. Mrs. Caffery was a strong library supporter and the mother in law of former library board member, Mr. William Stagg.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lee Verret and seconded by Vanessa Hill to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary