

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Kay Theunissen at 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2008 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, and Pat Logan Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, Larry Gass, Maintenance Supervisor and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. City-Parish Council member Bruce Conque was also present.

Board members Susan Hamilton and Mark Tullos were absent.

Newly appointed board member Trista Badeaux was welcomed and introductions were conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Hill and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report was distributed. The library is in the midst of the summer activities and all is going well. Ms. Dombourian has a budget review meeting with Lafayette Consolidated Government Chief Financial Officer Becky Lalumia scheduled for Monday, June 23rd.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

The compressor on the air conditioning unit at North Regional has been replaced. There are a few remaining punch list items.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian displayed photos taken of the construction progress at South Regional. The contractor is on schedule and anticipates completion of construction by the end of August.

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION

Ms. Dombourian and Denelle Wrightson met with the project architects to continue the design development phase. Great progress has been made. A presentation, including an updated cost estimate, will be made to the Library Board and building committee by August or September. The Board was reminded that the Library's 0809 Budget Request includes a request to use \$3.588 million from Library Fund Balance towards the construction costs for Main. Mr. Conque suggested the Library might not wish to wait until the Budget hearings for this funding request. Dr. Kreamer moved to submit a budget revision to the City-Parish Council to transfer \$3.588 million allocated in the fund balance into the appropriate fund to complete the Main Library renovation project separate from the budget process pending a discussion between Ms. Dombourian and the LCG Chief Financial Officer Becky Lalumia. The motion was seconded by Pat Logan and all were in favor.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair, had no report.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, had no report.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, had no report.

Site Selection: Ms. Theunissen suggested that a new chair of the site selection committee be appointed to replace Mr. Verret.

Mission Statement: Vanessa Hill / Sona Dombourian, co-chairs, had no report.

Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen, chair, had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

MILLAGE RENEWAL ELECTION – JULY 19, 2008

An election for the renewal of an existing millage at the same rate will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2008. The library will prepare bookmarks for distribution to patrons as well as a fact-filled, informational email.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING OF MILLAGES

The City-Parish Council will consider adopting millage rates for 2008 at the regular meeting of September 16, 2008. The Reassessment Forms for the library's three millages indicating the information required to adjust millages for 2008 as approved by the Legislative Auditor's office was received from the Lafayette Assessor. A motion was made by Pat Logan to request that the City-Parish Council roll forward all three library millages. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreamer and all were in favor.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Several board and building committee members recently attended a tour of the Lafayette Consolidated Government property at Fabacher Field athletic complex. Dr. Kreamer moved to further explore the property as an option for siting the East Regional Library and to appoint a committee to review the architects on the Professional Services list to select a project architect. The motion was seconded by Pat Logan and all were in favor. A library board sub-committee was appointed by the board president to review the architects on the Professional Services list and make a recommendation of the project architect to the Library Board. The Library Board will then make a recommendation to the Professional Services Committee for the appointment of a project architect. Pat Logan will chair the sub-committee with members Dr. Kreamer, Trista Badeaux and Sona Dombourian.

ETHICS LEGISLATION

Information was distributed on revised State Ethics Laws, pending ethics legislation, and its relevance to the Library Board and staff. Ms. Dombourian provided an update on proposed revisions to the financial disclosure laws in the House and Senate bills which would include local boards and commissions. The Louisiana Municipal Association and the State Library of Louisiana are monitoring the status of both bills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Kreamer was recognized for her recent retirement from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a card and book entitled *Her Story – A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America* bookplated in her honor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no 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