

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 March 17, 2008 in the Main Library Browsing Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Susan Hamilton, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Pat Logan and Lee Verret. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elbersen, Library Administrator, Larry Gass, Maintenance Supervisor, and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary.

Board member Mark Tullos was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Logan and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Dombourian reported that North Regional Library usage continues to increase. She is very optimistic about the upcoming summer activity.

Mrs. Hamilton reported that Ms. Dombourian was presented with the Meritorious Service Award at the Louisiana Library Association conference. Ms. Dombourian was also a presenter for 'Library Design for the Future' at the conference.

The Friends of the Library held the spring book sale during March 12-15 and preliminary reports indicate revenues of approximately \$12,000. The Author Dinner will be October 14 and the guest speaker will be John Ed Bradley, author of *It Never Rains in Tiger Stadium*.

The Library Foundation Awards luncheon is scheduled for April 23rd. The annual membership letter, including a voucher from Barnes and Noble, will be mailed on March 18th. The Foundation is also planning a Strategic Planning Session scheduled for April 5th at the North Regional Library.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian reported that work is continuing on punch list items and sign and furniture issues.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian showed recent photographs of the construction progress at South Regional Library. The contractor is still working on the roof, the brick work along the side has begun and installation of the windows will begin this week. Weather permitting, the building will be enclosed by the beginning of April. The interior walls are starting to go up, although the dry wall has not yet been installed.

MAIN LIBRARY

The paperwork authorizing the architect to begin the design development phase is in process. Four months will be allotted for completion of this phase of the project.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Correspondence was submitted to reject the proposals for property submitted for the East Regional Library. Ms. Dombourian has been in contact with the developer that submitted the proposals.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair, reported that a meeting will be set with the South Regional Architect to discuss plans for the landscaping. Bids are also being accepting for the landscaping maintenance at North Regional.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, reported that a review of the original furniture selections was performed. Some selections were revised and it is hoped that requests for bid could be released in April. Evaluation of the furniture that is actually needed was performed.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, had no report.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MILTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian reported that the Library has received a request from the landlord of the Milton Branch Library to increase the monthly rent by \$100 per month from \$800 to \$900 per month. Following discussion, Mr. Verret moved to authorize the increase in rent of \$100 from \$800 to \$900 per month. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreamer and all were in favor.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Verret's second term on the Library Board of Control will expire on May 31, 2008 and he is not eligible for re-appointment. The Lafayette City-Parish Council will appoint a replacement at the Council meeting scheduled for May 20, 2008. Anyone with questions about the board appointment may contact Kay Theunissen or Sona Dombourian for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE LIBRARY TRUSTEE WORKSHOP

The State Library will host a trustee workshop on Strategic Planning at the Lafayette Public Library on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Board members were asked to note the date on their schedules to attend if possible. Registration forms will be submitted by the Library Director for anyone participating in the workshop.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary