

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 May 19, 2008 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Susan Hamilton, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Pat Logan, Mark Tullos and Lee Verret. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Hamilton and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report was distributed. Ms. Dombourian reported that the summer reading program will officially kick off on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Special activities are planned for the day.

Ms. Theunissen represented the library at a luncheon hosted by The Independent Weekly, to recognize the design award winners. The North Regional Library architect was awarded a silver medal for the design of the new library

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Several board and building committee members, as well as members of the Lafayette City-Parish Council attended the tour of the South Regional Library. The monthly construction meeting was held last week and the construction is progressing.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian reported that Lafayette Consolidated Government Parks and Recreation Director Gerald Boudreaux was contacted to pursue the feasibility of locating the new regional library on city-owned property near Fabacher Field and Les Vieux Chenes golf course. A site visit is being planned and more information will be forthcoming.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair, reported that the committee met to finalize plans for landscaping bid that will be submitted for the South Regional Library.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, had no report.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, reported that he and Ms. Dombourian have completed the revenue portion of the long range projections. They will begin working on the expense portion of the projections in the near future.

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

2008-09 BUDGET

Ms. Dombourian presented the 2008-09 budget for review by the board. A copy of the proposed budget is attached. The 2008-09 budget includes \$8,709,499 in anticipated revenues, \$6,917,287 in proposed expenditures.

After discussion of Library Fund Balance, a motion was made by Pat Logan to amend the 2008-09 budget to request that the City-Parish Council allocate 3.588 million dollars of the construction reserve currently in the fund balance towards the Main Library renovation project. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreamer and all were in favor.

A motion to approve the proposed 2008-09 revenues and expenditures budget as amended to include the capital reserve fund balance usage, and to present same to Lafayette Consolidated Government was made by Dr. Kreamer. The motion was seconded by Pat Logan and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Library Board meeting is the last meeting for board member Lee Verret. Mr. Verret was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his exemplary service to the library system. He was also presented with two books book-plated in recognition of his service.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary