

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Jean Kreamer at 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2010 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Andrew Duhon, Vanessa Hill, and Kay Theunissen. 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. Library board members Molly Kallenberger and Mark Tullos were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Theunissen moved to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trista Badeaux and all were in favor.

Dr. Kreamer requested that the new business portion of the agenda be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET REVISION FOR NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM SERVERS

Ms. Dombourian stated that the Dynix Library system server and the Dynix Online Catalog server have both been in service since 2002. They are no longer supported for hardware maintenance by the vendor, and it will be at least two years before a new system is operational. The replacements are recommended in order to minimize downtime for these servers that provide mission-critical services for the library system. The cost for an upgrade on the Dynix Library system server is \$30,100 and \$14,000 for an upgrade on the Dynix Online Catalog. Partial funding exists in the 'automation enhancements' line items in the existing budget as well as State Aid funding. Ms. Dombourian recommended that the Library Board approve allocating \$8,328 in funds from the Security System Improvements line item in the existing budget for the balances needed to fund the entire upgrade. Kay Theunissen moved to accept the library director's recommendation to allocate the funds needed to upgrade the library system servers. The motion was seconded by Andrew Duhon and all were in favor.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library director's report and financial report were distributed. Also distributed were the February and March library usage statistics.

Ms. Dombourian noted that the South Regional Library celebrated its one-year anniversary on April 14th. Since opening, SRL has checked out nearly 542,000 items to over 122,000 people, renewed another 227,000 totaling almost 769,000 in circulation. The meeting rooms are heavily used and programs are well-attended. Special programs were held to commemorate the anniversary as well as National Library week including a special puppet show featuring 'Clovis Crawfish' and tours for 365 elementary school children.

Nine staff librarians attended the Public Library Association conference in Portland, Oregon during March.

The Library Foundation honored award recipients Leo and Yvonne Richard, Barbara Kinchen and the Haynie Family Foundation at the annual awards banquet on April 14th at the Petroleum Club. The library board will extend congratulations to the recipients with a letter as well a thank you letter to the Foundation board for their support of the library system.

The Friends of the Library will host their annual Author Dinner on October 13th at the Petroleum Club. Louisiana author Barbara Colley will be the guest speaker.

Ms. Dombourian demonstrated the process of transferring an e-book from the library collection to a digital book reader.

CONSTRUCTION REPORTS

The construction report was distributed with the director's report.

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION

The staff is reviewing paint colors, children's features and other interior items for the Main Library renovation. Options are also being considered in regard to the wall that separates Children's Department. It is a curvy wall, but staff recently learned that the wall also tilts. That is, it isn't 180° vertical from floor to ceiling, and would limit the usability of the wall space in the future. Options include asking the architect to remove the tilt from the curvy wall. Ms. Wrightson will return at the end of April to continue furniture discussions and meet with the modular furniture representative to discuss reusing the existing office cubicles.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

The ordinance to annex the Fabacher Field property is up for final adoption by the Lafayette City-Parish Council on April 20. The paperwork to transfer the property to the library as well as the contract amendment for PSA-Dewberry and the Architect's contract are still in process.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no board sub-committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

YOUNGSVILLE BRANCH EXPANSION

A meeting was held with the landlord to further discuss the additional space proposed for the Youngsville Library. An amendment to the lease is in process with the LCG legal department.

UPDATE ON MEETING ROOM POLICY

Ms. Dombourian provided an update on the Meeting Room policy that was adopted in 2008. During the last year of bookings of meeting rooms at South Regional Library, several different types of groups have requested use of the meeting room. Those groups include civic organizations, state associations, state schools, local schools, piano recitals, local clubs and organizations, book clubs, Boys Scouts/Girl Scouts, local businesses and civic and political groups. A recent issue has been requests for use of the room from groups supporting a political candidate or a specific issue. Following discussion, Ms. Dombourian requested a sub-committee of the library board to work on revising the present meeting room policy. Kay Theunissen, Vanessa Hill and Dr. Jean Kreamer volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

UPDATE ON ETHICS DISCLOSURE

Ms. Dombourian recently inquired of Council Clerk Norma Dugas and City-Parish Attorney Pat Ottinger as to the requirement of the Ethics Financial Disclosure for boards and commissions created by the City-Parish Council. The Lafayette Parish population in 2000 was under 200,000 and thus board members were not legally required to file in 2009. As per Mr. Ottinger, board members will not be legally required to file in 2010. The decision will be re-visited when the population is determined by the Federal Census.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Kreamer announced that former Library Board of Control member Judith Hebert recently passed away. A book plated in her memory will be added to the collection.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public. The next library board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2010 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary