

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Andrew Duhon at 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2011 in the Main Library Meeting Room. The meeting room was open to the public for the meeting. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Jean Kreamer, Mark Tullos and Kay Theunissen. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Library Board member Vanessa Hill was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Theunissen moved to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Tullos and all were in favor.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND UPDATES

The director's report, financial report and construction reports were distributed.

Ms. Dombourian reported that the Jefferson Street Branch library is open for business. Mrs. Elberson reported that the pace at the Jefferson Street Branch is picking up and that the administration has received positive feedback from patrons in regard to the both the library and the Artwalk event. Five telephone lines have been moved to the Jefferson Street Branch. The draft lease for the United Way storage space has been sent to the attorney for review. The property owner is replacing the original cooling system with a heating/cooling combination unit. An additional restroom facility installation is also planned for that location. The lease for the second location, 604 S. Buchanan, is still in process. Fifty parking spaces adjacent to that property have been acquired for patron parking at Jefferson Street Branch.

Ms. Dombourian stated that it is expected that the Main Library will be vacated by the end of June, however, this time frame is subject to change. The move out will be followed by the bidding of the asbestos project and the general contractor.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

The architect may be ready by the end of May to present the Design Development. Meetings are planned during the first week of May. The board will be notified when the design development is ready for presentation.

Mr. Duhon stated that Clerk of Court Louis Perret has offered to attend a board meeting and officially swear in all Library Board members. As the board member filling the vacancy on the Library Board will be appointed at the May 3, 2011 council meeting, an invitation may be extended to Mr. Perret to attend the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF LIBRARY BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Kreamer moved to nominate Trista Badeaux for board Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

UPDATE ON ETHICS DISCLOSURE

Ms. Dombourian reported that she has consulted with the City-Parish attorney on the requirement of board members to submit ethics disclosure forms. She reported that because 2010 census numbers were not yet official, the 2000 census numbers are still used. It may be possible that the 2010 census numbers will become official in the near future, and board members will be required to submit the forms. Several handouts were distributed including links to online versions of the forms and frequently asked questions, and the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Library Association Conference will be held on June 23-28, 2011 at the New Orleans Convention Center. Registration and housing are open for the conference. Registration is required before housing can be assigned.

The City-Parish Council is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Control until Tuesday, April 19, 2011. The appointment will be made at the council meeting on May 3, 2011.

Board members were invited to attend a reception honoring Mrs. Glenna Kramer in recognition of her 37 years of service to the St. Mary Parish Library Board of Control and the State Library of Louisiana Board. The reception will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Library in Franklin.

Ms. Dombourian announced that May 5, 2011 is Legislation Day in Baton Rouge. Board members were invited to attend or to contact their legislator concerning budget concerns for the State Library.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public. The next library board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary