

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 September 12, 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, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen and Mark Tullos. Staff members present were Library Director Sona J. Dombourian, Library Administrator Teresa Elberson, and Director's Executive Secretary Lisa Breaux. Library Board members Suzanne Dardeau was not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2011 library board meeting. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND UPDATES**

The director's report and financial were distributed.

Ms. Dombourian reported that the move from the Main Library continues. The majority of materials has been re-located to the warehouse and has been returned to circulation. The restroom facility build-out is approximately 30% complete. Progress continues at the Buchanan Street location in regard to Internet facilities installation and minor renovations. The extensive doll collection has been catalogued, appraised and safely stored for the duration of the Main Library renovations with the assistance of a certified collectible doll appraiser.

Ms. Dombourian updated the board on the status of the Overdrive service with regard to the Kindle e-book reader. During August, 228 patrons used the e-book service for the first time with a total of 838 e-patrons for the month.

The Lafayette Public Library Foundation is planning a fall fundraiser. An adult spelling bee will be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette Science Museum. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the dinosaur exhibit at the museum in conjunction with the fundraiser.

The setting of the millages for 2011 will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The library millages are proposed at the current rate (the maximum) for the next year. The '3<sup>rd</sup>' millage (2.0 mills) expires after 2012. Funds were included in the proposed budget for a renewal election. Possible election dates in 2012 are March 24, April 21, November 6 or December 1. The budget wrap-up is set for September 13<sup>th</sup> with final adoption on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Dombourian stated that progress on the East Regional Library is going well. The bid documents are expected to be received for review in late September.

MBSB architect Mark Stielper is now working on the Main Library renovation project following the retirement of original architect Allen Bacque. Meetings are planned for October as the project nears the bid date. The asbestos project is expected to be bid in October or November with the work beginning in early 2012 and duration of approximately four months. Construction on the project will be bid in 2012. A pre-bid conference will be held at the site once the asbestos/demolition of the first floor has been completed. Construction is expected to take 15 months. In regard to the interior color palette selections for the facility and in order to expedite the process, Ms. Dombourian recommended that the board consider authorizing Ms. Dombourian to contract with the existing consultant architect for color and flooring selections. Ms. Dombourian estimated that the cost for this additional service would be between \$800 and \$1,000. Ms. Theunissen moved to authorize the library director to contract with the consultant architect regarding the interior color palette for the Main Library. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreamer and all were in favor.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PERPETUAL RECOGNITION PLAQUES**

Sub-committee members Jean Kreamer and Trista Badeaux met with Sona Dombourian to discuss the building plaque to commemorate the contributions of the City of Carencro to the North Regional Library. A draft of the proposed building plaque was presented for consideration by the board. Following discussion, Dr. Kreamer moved to proceed with the proposed building plaque for installation at the North Regional Library. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

Discussion on the building plaque to recognize the building committee and others is continuing.

**OLD BUSINESS****WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Discussion on the West Regional Library was deferred until after the Main Library is vacated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Friends of the Library will hold the book sale on September 20, 21 and 22 at the Heymann Performing Arts and Convention Center Ballroom. A preview sale for members only will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011.

The Friends will also host their annual author dinner on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Petroleum Club. Guest author will be Jeff Duncan, author of *From Bags to Riches: How the New Orleans Saints and the people of their hometown rose from the depths together.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public. The next library board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2011 at 5 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary