

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Trista Badeaux at 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2012 in the North Regional Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Adele Blue, Suzanne Dardeau, Vanessa Hill and Kay Theunissen. Staff members present were Library Director Sona J. Dombourian, Library Administrator Teresa Elberson, and Director's Executive Secretary Lisa Breaux. Library board members Andrew Duhon and Mark Tullos were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vanessa Hill moved to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2012 library board meeting. The motion was seconded by Bennett Bernard and all were in favor.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND UPDATES

The director's report and financial report were distributed.

Ms. Dombourian reported that the lease for the new Duson library location has been signed by all parties and the move of the library is in process. Staff is working on the re-location of the internet and telephone connections and it is anticipated that the move will be completed by the end of March.

Last month, ALA conducted very positive discussions with the big six publishers regarding the sale of e-books to public libraries through the Overdrive service. Since those discussions, Penguin Publishing has discontinued the sale of e-books to public libraries. Random House and Harper Collins are the only two publishers still selling to libraries, however Harper Collins is restricting the instances of check outs of the materials and Random House has raised prices of e-books to libraries, in most cases tripling the cost of the items to libraries. Ms. Dombourian distributed a copy of a press release issued by the Harford County Public Library which included the addresses of the large publishers for interested patrons to express their disappointment and frustration with not being able to borrow eBooks through your library. A similar statement from the Library is being developed. Ms. Hill recommended that a sample form letter be included for patron's use.

The Friends of the Library held another successful book sale at the Heymann Center, grossing over \$10,000. Ms. Dombourian noted the recent passing of Charles Nolan, husband of faithful Friends secretary Dee Nolan.

EAST REGIONAL UPDATE

There was no update on the East Regional Library.

MAIN LIBRARY UPDATE

The contract for the asbestos and demolition work is awaiting final signatures. We are scheduling the relocation of telecommunications equipment and services from Main to South Regional in anticipation of the contractor beginning in mid-April.

OLD BUSINESS

ETHICS

The Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement was distributed. According to the official 2010 census, Lafayette Parish is now over the 200,000 population mark. As such, all library board members are required to submit the Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. The form can also be completed on-line at <http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/FinDiscl/F417f.pdf>. Deadline for filing is May 15, 2012.

PERPETUAL RECOGNITION PLAQUES

The recognition plaque for North Regional Library acknowledging the donation of land by the City of Carencro was recently installed at the library. A subsequent plaque was originally planned to recognize major donors, library building committee, library staff building committee, and other LCG officials that were instrumental in the building projects. Ms. Dombourian distributed images of plaque styles, that could be installed either outside the library or on an inside wall of the library. Discussion followed regarding the location of the plaque (exterior or interior), style and size of the plaque, and individuals that should be included on the plaque.

Adele Blue will join the committee with Trista Badeaux and Sona Dombourian to review the minutes of prior building committee meetings and continue discussion on a recommendation regarding the recognition plaques.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Discussion on the West Regional Library was initiated in 2007 with a study of projected traffic flow for 2010, 2020 and 2030. These maps were to be used to determine where the population may be shifting during this time period. At the time, discussion on a possible target area for West Regional of a 1 ½ mile radius from the intersection of Landry/Dulles and N. Fieldspan was considered, but no decision was reached.

Ms. Dombourian showed maps with a 1 ½ mile radius from 3 intersections as possibilities for a target area. The maps were done by LCG's GIS in 2009 and have 2000 population figures. GIS now has their maps updated with 2010 figures and they will prepare revised maps for us. The Board affirmed that they would like to see these maps for the following intersections: 1) Landry Road/N. Fieldspan 2) Cameron/N.Fieldspan and 3) the area surrounding the Scott City Hall complex.

Ms. Dombourian reviewed the architect selection process for the library building program. For prior building projects, it has been beneficial to have the architect selected for the property selection process. Ms. Dombourian requested that the board consider having the architect selection process initiated for the West Regional library building project. Kay Theunissen moved to authorize the library director to request that the Public Works department start the process of selecting the West Regional Library architect. The motion was seconded by Bennett Bernard and all were in favor.

The library has utilized the consulting services of Denelle Wrightson and PSA Dewberry for the building program for prior building projects. Ms. Dombourian recommended that the library request a proposal from Denelle Wrightson with PSA Dewberry for consulting on the West Regional Library. Kay Theunissen moved to authorize the library director to request a proposal from Denelle Wrightson and PSA Dewberry for consulting services for the West Regional Library project. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Hill and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

ESTABLISH A LOCATION FOR THE APRIL 16, 2012 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Suzanne Dardeau moved that the Library Board of Control meeting scheduled for April 16, 2012 shall be held at the new Duson Library, pending the completion of the move from the current location, with the Scott location as a backup meeting site in the event the move is not completed. The motion was seconded by Adele Blue and all were in favor.

UPDATE FROM PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Suzanne Dardeau shared some of her experiences at the PLA conference held in Philadelphia, PA on March 14-17, 2012. Ms. Dardeau found several workshop topics to be very helpful, especially creative funding, building and design for the future, and use of meeting spaces. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend the conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary