

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 April 16, 2012 in the Duson Community Center. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Adele Blue, Suzanne Dardeau, Andrew Duhon, 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 member Vanessa Hill was not in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mrs. Elberson conducted a tour of the new Duson branch library located within the new Duson Community Center for board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Suzanne Dardeau moved to accept the minutes of the March 19, 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.

The Main Library asbestos removal and demolition project was started on April 16, 2012. A pre-construction meeting was held on Thursday, April 12. The library is able to use part of the third floor to store shelving that remained in the library.

The library is testing the Boopsie smart phone 'mobile' application. Board members are able to test it and offer feedback.

The monthly artwalk was held on Saturday, April 14. As part of the artwalk, the library featured "Bad Art Night". Library patrons contributed pieces for the competition and one submission was selected as the winner.

OLD BUSINESS

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL CLOSINGS

The library calendar for the Jefferson Street Branch includes closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during Festival International. The Buchanan Street parking lot is utilized during the festival for crafts merchants. After meeting with the festival coordinators, the library learned that the merchant set up will begin at approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday evening. The library director requested that board modify the library calendar to close the Jefferson Street library at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 to ensure library staff and patrons are able to vacate the parking lot. A motion was made by Andrew Duhon to accept the recommendation of the library director to close the library at 4:30 p.m. on April 26. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian distributed a packet of material to assist with the site selection process for West Regional Library. Population maps with current and potential locations of libraries, as prepared by LCG's GIS department using 2010 census data, were distributed and discussed by Ms. Dombourian. Following discussion regarding prior site selection processes, it was recommended that a building committee meeting be scheduled to continue site selection for West Regional. Invited attendees will include the library board and building committee members, the Scott mayor, the Duson mayor, and the LCG council representatives for the proposed area.

Ms. Dombourian distributed a list of the architects on the current LCG Professional Services List. A recommendation from the department is usually provided to the professional services committee. The committee then forwards the recommendation to the administration. Ms. Theunissen recommended that a letter be sent to the listed architects informing them of the impending West Regional project.

A proposal from PSA Dewberry was received for programming, design consulting, interiors, specialty interiors and FFE for the West Regional Library. The proposed total charges are not to exceed \$98,800 without prior written approval by the Library Board. Reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$12,000 were also included in the proposal. The board will review the proposal and consider at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUSON COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING

The Town of Duson will hold a grand opening ceremony for the Community Center on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9 – 11 a.m. The library will be open and board members were invited to attend.

LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Lafayette Public Library Foundation will hold its annual awards luncheon on Friday, April 20, 2012 at the City Club of Lafayette. Honorees include J. C. Chargois, Dorothy Stevens and Broussard, Poche, Lewis and Breaux, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. The luncheon will feature a viewing of the Academy Award winning Best Animated Short Film “*The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*” courtesy of MOONBOT studios, Shreveport. A copy of the DVD and movie poster will be available in the silent auction.

NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – MAY 21, 2012

The May 21, 2012 meeting of the Library Board of Control will be held at the Buchanan administrative offices at 604 S. Buchanan Street, Lafayette.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary