

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Suzanne Dardeau at 5:00 p.m. on November 19, 2012 in the Buchanan Street administrative office meeting room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Trista Badeaux, Adele Blue, Vanessa Hill, and Kay Theunissen. Staff members present were Library Director Sona J. Dombourian and Library Administrator Teresa Elberson. Library board members Andrew Duhon and Mark Tullos were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vanessa Hill moved to accept the minutes of the October 15, 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. Badeaux was recognized for her service during 2011-2012 as Library Board president. Ms. Badeaux was presented with a library pin and it was noted that a book will be plated and placed in the library collection commemorating her service.

Ms. Dombourian highlighted circulation statistics. This was the first full year out of the Main Library and as anticipated, the Library experienced a drop in circulation due to the smaller temporary library at Jefferson Street.

The Library Foundation recently held a successful fundraiser, the Spellabration. A photo montage of the event was distributed. Participants enjoyed the event and competitors are looking forward to next year's Spellabration.

The Friends of the Library held their annual author dinner featuring Rick Bragg. Friends member Alice McFillen was honored as Friend of the Year. The Friends were also presented with a proclamation from City-Parish President Joey Durel proclaiming October 21-27 as Friends of the Library week.

Ms. Elberson spoke briefly about the Main Library fence beautification project. Staff recently installed art designs in the fence using special fence 'cups'.

Ms. Dombourian stated that the final plans for the Main Library have been received from the architect. It is anticipated that advertising for bids will take place in early December, with a bid opening sometime after January 20th.

A meeting is planned with the East Regional architects soon after Thanksgiving to review the remaining items that are to be finalized before the project is put out for bid.

OLD BUSINESS

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian reported that the population projections originally thought to be available in January 2013 would not be available until the summer 2013 at the earliest. The funds for West Regional are in the new budget and include monies for land acquisition, architect, consultant, furniture and construction.

The City of Scott has updates on the Apollo Road, their master plan and other projects in the area. A meeting with Mayor Morrison, library administrators, and board members Suzanne Dardeau and Andrew Duhon has been planned for after Thanksgiving. Ms. Dardeau recommended that a board committee re-visit the area, begin fact-finding and prepare for further discussion. Ms. Dombourian recommended that the board include West Regional as a discussion item on the January 2013 Library Board meeting agenda.

MILLAGES AND MILLAGE RENEWAL ELECTION

The library millage renewal election was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Ms. Dombourian reported that the millage renewal passed with approximately 66% voting to approve the renewal. Prior to the election, factual information was shared with library supporters via an email blast highlighting new

services, the library Facebook page and web site, and through a brochure that was given out to groups, staff and available at all libraries. A report on the renewal propositions by council district was distributed.

This renewal was the first on this particular millage – originally voted in November 2002 to provide operational funds for the new regionals and to assist with construction of the new libraries. The next library millage renewal will take place in 2016.

COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 693, 2012

The policy initially approved by the board at the September meeting was forwarded to the State Library, LCG Chief Administrative Officer Dee Stanley and the Lafayette City-Parish Attorney Mike Hebert. Ms. Theunissen reminded the board that the State Library had recommended that the library consider removing the section addressing Violations as the Library is not the enforcer of the law and that the Library's patron behavior policy adequately addresses violations of library policies. Additionally, the policy adoption date should be revised to November 19, 2012. Ms. Theunissen moved to adopt the Policy as revised with these changes. The motion was seconded by Trista Badeaux and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

DECEMBER LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

Following discussion, a motion was made by Kay Theunissen to cancel the regular December Library Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Hill and all were in favor. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Buchanan Street Library Administrative offices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Dombourian announced that the library's full staff in-service will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the South Regional Library.

Ms. Dombourian also stated that she will be taking intermittent annual leave during the next coming weeks to care for family. Ms. Elberson will have signature authority during Ms. Dombourian's absence. Ms. Dombourian expressed her full confidence in Ms. Elberson to handle things while she is away.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary