

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lafayette Public Library Board of Control

January 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Parish Public Library Board of Control was held in the Library Board Room on the 3rd floor of the Main Library at 301 West Congress Street on January 22, 2018. Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, President; Nora Stelly, Vice President; Adele Blue; Yung-Hsing Wu; Suzanne Dardeau; Jolan Jolivet; Andrew Duhon

Board Members Absent: Joan Wingate

Other Staff Present: Teresa Elberson, Library Director; Terry Roy, Library Administrator; Larry Angelle, Library Operations Manager; Danielle Breau, Director's Executive Secretary

Members of the Public: Scott Feehan, Executive Director of Festival International

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 board meeting was made by Andrew Duhon and seconded by Yung-Hsing Wu.

Yeas: Wiltz, Stelly, Blue, Dardeau, Wu, Duhon, Jolivet

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Wingate

The motion to approve the minutes was carried.

III. Comments from the Library Board

A. Lafayette Public Library Foundation Report

Nora Stelly announced that the LPL Foundation is still recovering from an extremely successful Spellabration and is currently working towards their annual Spring Awards Ceremony. This will be held on the April 13th at the City Club.

IV. Director's Report & Comments

Teresa Elberson commented on recent staffing changes, including two upcoming retirements.

She announced that the Lafayette Reads Together community read program kicked off this month with Lafayette Mayor/President Joel Robideaux reading the Lafayette Reads Together

Proclamation at the December 19, 2017 Council Meeting. Kwame Alexander, author of *The Crossover*, visited the Main Library on January 10, 2018. Lafayette Reads Together programs will continue in January and February.

As the dog parade has been canceled for the 2018 Mardi Gras season, the Main Library will now have regular business hours on Saturday, February 3. Main was originally scheduled to be closed that day.

More information about the Musical Instrument Library, the brainchild of Ryan Cazares, will be forthcoming.

Monthly reports and financials were included in board packets. Larry Angelle also provided the Board with a breakdown of budget and expenses by library location.

V. Construction and Facilities Updates

Part of the drive and parking lot have been poured at West Regional Library. Tesla does plan to donate two Tesla charging units and one Universal electric vehicle charging unit to the site. The next site meeting will be held on January 25, 2018.

Specifications are being rewritten for the striping of the South Regional Library parking lot. The waterproofing work at SRL continues. Library expansion architect contract attachments have been reviewed, and we have requested that Public Works review and make recommendations on said contract.

The drainage improvement project at the East Regional Library is progressing. Drawings have been finalized with the engineer and Public Works. Insurance documents have been requested, and the Library is working on finalizing specifications.

Purchasing rejected the state contract quote provided by Farber, as it was not specific to bookmobiles. The Library will now work with vehicle maintenance to write specifications for the bid package.

A contract for facilities maintenance software has been negotiated and finalized with attorneys. Larry Angelle has started online administrator training, and has started gathering information to be input into said software.

A. Use of Main library parking lot for Festival International (Informational)

Larry Angelle provided the Board with legal recommendation from the Law Offices of John A. Mouton III stating that the public library facility is simply just another LCG asset and therefore can be utilized the same way as any other LCG property downtown. No special ordinances would be needed to sell alcohol on the lot during the Festival.

Scott Feehan, Executive Director of Festival International spoke to the Board about using the lot in the future to house the Heritage Stage. This year, the library lot will be used as VIP parking.

B. Ordinance to reinstate promotional line item (Informational)

The Ordinance to reinstate the promotional line item in our budget that was up for final adoption at the last council meeting was tabled and is up for final adoption again this week.

C. Building C of the Chenier Center (Informational)

Teresa Elbertson provided the Board with information from an article in the Opelousas Daily World from 2002. This article spoke about the statue that was meant to honor Clifton Chenier at the Chenier Center. \$80,000 was raised over two years in private and public dollars to fund the statue. Teresa will continue to gather information about the statue.

D. Millage Election Renewal (Informational)

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, voters will be asked to renew a 1.61-mill property tax for library maintenance, operations and improvements. This tax generates more than \$3.6 million annually. City voters will be asked to vote for taxes funding street and road maintenance along with recreation and playground maintenance and operations. Parish voters will be asked to vote on the library tax as well as a tax for the juvenile detention facilities.

Teresa Elbertson mentioned that it may be a good idea if the Board formed a committee along with Library Administration and possibly the Library Foundation to come up with a plan of action to promote millages. Suzanne Dardeau and Jolan Jolivet agreed to serve as part of the committee. Joseph-Gordon Wiltz plans to work on putting one together. Andrew Duhon offered to be a consultant for the committee.

VI. New Business

The Board had no New Business up for discussion.

VII. Announcements

- A. Reminder that the next Library Board Meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2018.
- B. LLA Conference in Alexandria March 7-9, 2018.
- C. Yearly Ethics Training due before December 31, 2018

VIII. Comments from the Public on any matter not on this Agenda

There were no comments from the public.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Jolan Jolivet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Dardeau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Elbertson, Secretary