

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

March 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was held in the Library Board Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Main Library at 301 West Congress Street on March 19, 2018. Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, President; Nora Stelly, Vice President; Adele Blue; Andrew Duhon; Yung-Hsing Wu; Joan Wingate (Arrived 5:23 PM); Jolan Jolivet (Arrived 5:49 PM)

Board Members Absent: Suzanne Dardeau

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

Members of the Public: Patty Doughty; Jerry Brown; Fay Portier; John McGee

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 was made by Andrew Duhon and seconded by Yung-Hsing Wu.

Yeas: Wiltz, Stelly, Blue, Duhon, Wu

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Wingate, Jolivet, Dardeau

The motion to approve the minutes was carried.

**III. Comments from the Library Board**

**A. Lafayette Public Library Foundation Report**

Adele Blue announced that the annual Awards Luncheon will be held on April 13, 2018. Two awards will be given. A silent auction will be held. The theme this year will be Read Local and local authors will be showcased. Tickets to the event are \$35.00.

## **B. LLA Report**

The LLA Conference Report was deferred to the April 2018 meeting.

## **C. Board Term Expiring**

Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, President of the Board, announced that Joan Wingate's term is expiring. She is eligible for reappointment. The deadline for applications is March 20, 2018.

## **IV. Director's Report & Comments**

Teresa Elberson announced the various staffing changes that occurred in the last month. She stated that she has already spoken with several groups this month about the Library millage renewal in April.

Twelve staff members attended the Louisiana Library Association Conference, and four presentations were given by our staff.

Larry Angelle attended the first CREATE meeting at City Hall on February 27, 2018.

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, the library is partnering with the Science Museum to hold the first Lafayette Mini Makers Faire. The library will have a makers table and library staff will be working the event.

An Adult & Youth Fishing Competition called Get Out & Fish will be held at the Southside Regional Park - Fabacher Field next to the East Regional Library on April 7, 2018. This event is hosted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and sponsored by the Lafayette Public Library System and Lafayette Consolidated Government.

Joseph Gordon Wiltz asked if Larry Angelle had gotten any relevant feedback about how the Library could contribute to the CREATE initiative. Mr. Angelle explained that as this was just the first of ongoing monthly meetings, our part was not yet discussed. He also clarified that Amy Wander, Head of Outreach Services will be the liaison for the program.

Teresa Elberson told the Board that the library will soon be purchasing a database called BiblioBoard that will allow patrons to write books and create music and then upload their work through said database.

Monthly departmental reports and financial reports were included in packets.

## **V. Construction and Facilities Updates**

Teresa showed the Board pictures of the progress at the West Regional Library. The foundation was poured on February 15 and the first steel beam was put into place on February 26, 2018.

Outdoor tables with attached seating and shade umbrellas are being purchased for the East Regional Library, the North Regional Library, and the South Regional Library.

The library system has been getting a good amount of television and newspaper coverage on the plans to install electric vehicle charging stations at the West Regional Library. There will be 2 Tesla charging stations, 2 Universal charging stations, and 3 dedicated parking spots.

Larry Angelle met with the architects of WRL to finalize changes in upcoming change order items. A generator that was scheduled to be installed in Phase II of the project will be moved up to Phase I.

The library met with the Downtown Development Authority and Land Architects about the upcoming Downtown Library Park. There is a current existing Utility Easement that will need to be worked around or moved, so the library is awaiting the assignment of an engineer from the Public Works Department to determine cost.

New lettering was installed at South Regional Library as part of the ongoing waterproofing project.

Sheriff's Security Services began on March 1, 2018. There is now a sheriff's deputy at the first floor guard station 7 days a week and a marked car is parked in front of the library.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Ordinance to reinstate promotional line item (Informational)**

During the January 23, 2018 Council Meeting, the Ordinance to reinstate the library's promotional line item was brought up for adoption once again. A motion was made by Nannette Cook to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Kenneth Boudreaux. Jay Castille asked for the Civil Service Director, Adam Marcantel, to come to the podium and explain if it was a reclassification. Mr. Marcantel gave the standard Civil Service answer and did not elaborate further. When it came back for a vote, all voted against the measure.

### **B. Building C of the Chenier Center (Informational)**

Teresa Elbertson contacted Mr. Lowell Duhon, CAO, about the library taking over Building C of the Clifton Chenier Center. He agreed and will talk to others within LCG to get the takeover clarified. Public Works will be contacted to get a cost estimate on the renovation.

Mrs. Elbertson met with Councilman Patrick Lewis to discuss the Clifton Chenier statue. Phil Lank, former Lafayette Community Development Director, started the process and there wasn't enough funding in the budget to complete the \$84,000 bronze statue. Janie Stine LaCroix, the artist commissioned to work on the project, did create an 18" replica. Mrs. Elbertson has reached out and let her know that there is renewed interest in the statue. The statue would be 6'3" in full.

### **C. Millage Renewal (Informational)**

Committee will consist of library staff members Terry Roy, Larry Angelle, Keith Guidry and Amy Wander and board members Suzanne Dardeau, Jolan Jolivet, and Yung-Hsing Wu. It has been decided that the same thing will be done now as has been done in the past. Positive handouts, flyers and posters will be distributed. Fund balance will be addressed on the library webpage, and a billboard advertisement will be created.

Joseph Gordon-Wiltz thanked everyone that volunteered to serve on the committee.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Library Services to the homeless (Informational/Discussion)**

Teresa Elberson let the board know that currently, staff members are attending meetings with the Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing and the Diocese of Lafayette.

Homelessness is an issue throughout all metropolitan cities across the United States. Teresa and several staff members have attended workshops and classes during ALA conferences focusing on the homeless population.

Several large library systems have placed social workers with office hours in the library. They provide specific programming for the homeless. Personal hygiene and food items are being distributed.

The release of the trailer “The Public” starring actor Emilio Estevez has brought awareness to the general public about the homeless in libraries.

Right now anyone that is homeless is free to obtain a library card. They cannot check materials out but they can use any library computers or access databases.

Joseph Gordon-Wiltz asked about resume building resources. Larry Angelle let him know that we do have computer courses available to all patrons.

Jerry Brown with the Salvation Army mentioned that their office on 6<sup>th</sup> Street has just partnered with Second Harvest to provide the homeless with assistance with SNAP applications, help with Entergy Utilities, and computer literacy.

Joseph Gordon-Wiltz suggested partnering library staff with staff from the Salvation Army to be able to better identify needs of the community.

Andrew Duhon relayed to the Board that he recently read about a library system in San Francisco that employs a social worker. He suggested looking into the possibility of having a social worker on staff one day a week with posted office hours.

**VIII. Announcements**

- A. Reminder that the next Library Board Meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2018.
- B. ALA registration deadlines and information
- C. Yearly Ethics Training due before December 31, 2018.
- D. Reminder to file Annual Personal Financial Disclosure form by May 15, 2018
- E. National Library Week is April 8-14, 2018.

**IX. Comments from the Public on any matter not on this Agenda**

There were no comments from the public.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Andrew Duhon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jolan Jolivet seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Elberson, Secretary