

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Vanessa Hill at 4:30 p.m. on April 20, 2009 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Andrew Duhon, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen, and Mark Tullos. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Gass and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Bruce Conque and Denelle Wrightson were also in attendance. Board member Susan Hamilton was out of town and unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Tullos and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report and financial report were distributed. Ms. Dombourian reported that South Regional Library is officially open and that the pace has been very busy. SRL is performing at or above the level of the Main Library. Patrons using the library represent a good cross-section of Lafayette Parish population. The Friends of the Library provided wonderful refreshments for the Grand Opening on 4/14/09 and the Library Foundation hosted a successful event the evening before. The media offered great coverage, both in print and televised forums. Ms. Dombourian recognized the efforts of Larry Gass during the final completion of construction and move-in phases of the South Regional Library. The board extended thanks to Mr. Gass for his diligence.

Ms. Dombourian stated that the LCG budget package was received today. A preliminary budget will be presented for board approval at the May board meeting.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

No update.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian is reviewing the contract for the East Regional Library architect.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Update presented during director's report.

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

The HVAC system at the North Regional Library is still performing satisfactorily. The units continue to be monitored to assure that the resolution was accurate. The contractor has responded to punch list items and updates will be provided.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair, no report.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, no report.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, no report.

Site Selection: Mark Tullos, chair, no report.

Mission Statement: Vanessa Hill / Sona Dombourian, co-chairs, no report.

Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen, chair, no report.

East Regional Architect Selection: Pat Logan, chair, no report.

Small Libraries Opportunities: Trista Badeaux, chair, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

ETHICS LEGISLATION

The personal financial disclosure under Tier 2.1 required by the ethics commission was discussed. Board members were provided with the disclosure form that is required by members of appointed boards and commissions. The legislation applies to boards and commissions in cities with over 200,000 in population based upon the last census. It is the opinion of the City-Parish attorney that this ruling applies to all members of board and commissions. The disclosure form is due by May 15.

LIBRARY WORK WEEK

The current library work was approved by the library board in 1994 stating that the work week began at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday through Friday at midnight. The Lafayette Consolidated Government is implementing a new payroll system. LCG has requested, and Ms. Dombourian concurs, that the library work week should be revised to mirror the work week followed by LCG, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday and ends at midnight on Saturday, effective May 31, 2009. Dr. Kreamer moved to accept the recommendation of the library to revise the library work week. The motion was seconded by Bennett Bernard and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teresa Elbersen informed the board that PASA was awarded the Big Read grant for this year. The national announcement will be made in June. The book for the grant period will be *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Trista Badeaux stated that she was the recipient of the American Library Association 2009 *We The People* bookshelf grant featuring a collection of 17 books on the "Picturing America" theme.

Ms. Dombourian announced that Gene Sellers, architect for the South Regional Library, has received a silver award from *The Independent Weekly* for the design of the South Regional Library. The award will be presented at a luncheon on April 30th.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary