

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Vanessa Hill at 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2009 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen and Mark Tullos. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Pat Logan was also in attendance. Board member Susan Hamilton was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report and financial report were distributed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

A presentation by the architect on the Main Library renovation project will possibly be scheduled for a meeting in April.

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Problems with the HVAC system at the North Regional Library are continuing. A meeting was held at the site with the project architect, mechanical engineers, Public Works and library officials. Troubleshooting is being performed to determine exactly the cause of the problems. A monitor will be placed on the HVAC system to gauge the electrical voltage. The manufacturer of the unit will also be contacted send a representative to evaluate the installation.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

A draft contract for the project architect has been received from Public Works. Upon completion of the contract, the architect will be requested to evaluate the feasibility of the property at Fabacher Field.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Photos of the South Regional Library were distributed. Full occupancy of the building has been granted by the state fire marshal. The furniture installation is continuing and materials are slowly starting to be placed on the shelves.

Ms. Dombourian stated that at the time the North Regional Library was completed and opened, it was the board's intention to recognize the City of Carencro for the donation of property for the construction of the library with a recognition plaque installed at the library. The board agreed to pursue the installation of a recognition plaque and requested that Ms. Dombourian and Ms. Badeaux work with Lee Verret on a committee to obtain the details and plan for presentation of the plaque at a Carencro City Council meeting.

As plans for the renovation of the Main Library progress, the library is seeking space for a temporary facility as well as space for administrative offices. Ms. Dombourian is working with LCG officials to identify suitable locations for both a temporary library and administrative offices.

A proposal has been received from Lamar Advertising to advertise the new library opening on their standard and digital billboards. After discussion regarding the costs of

advertising on billboards, it was the consensus of the board not to pursue advertising the opening of the library in this manner.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair reported that the irrigation system installation has begun at South Regional. The trees and shrubs will be planted during the latter part of the landscaping installation. A map indicating the different types of trees and shrubs planted on the site will be requested.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair.

Site Selection: Mark Tullos, chair, no report.

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

Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen, chair,

East Regional Architect Selection: Pat Logan, chair, reported that the necessary revisions will be made to the architect's contract and the necessary signatures will be obtained.

Small Libraries Opportunities: Trista Badeaux, chair, reported she is continuing to research small library facilities that other library systems have developed.

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

The South Regional Library grand opening ceremonies were discussed. It was noted that National Library Week is planned for the week of April 12-18. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. A soft opening of the library is planned for mid-March. A planning committee will meet to discuss a preview reception.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Louisiana Library Association conference in Baton Rouge will be held from March 12-14, 2009.

The Friends of the Library booksale will be held March 12-14, 2009. A preview sale for Friends members will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11.

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