

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 March 16, 2009 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Jean Kreamer, and Kay Theunissen. 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 members Trista Badeaux, Susan Hamilton, and Mark Tullos were not present. Ms. Dombourian introduced Andrew Duhon as the new LCG liaison with the Library Board who was recently appointed by City-Parish President Durel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2009 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.

The Friends of the Library held the book sale on March 11 – 14 and have reported proceeds from the sale as \$13,300. The Friends continue to earn \$800-\$900 each month with their perpetual book sale in the lobby of the Main Library

The Friends of the Library will fund items to enhance the South Regional Library from memberships and sales of gift books generated at the Southside Library. The items include puppets, Wii game systems, magnets for the grand opening, cushions for the story time room, and framing for the art renderings of the South Regional Library. The Friends will also sponsor the grand opening event. The Friends of the Library board has been invited for a tour of South Regional on Thursday, March 19th.

The Foundation officers were re-elected at their last meeting. The foundation has agreed to sponsor the preview reception for library supporters. Foundation members have been invited to tour the library on Tuesday, March 17th.

The Bayouland library system will be meeting on Friday, March 20th at South Regional.

National Library Workers day will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 14th, which coincides with the grand opening celebration at South Regional. On behalf of the Library Board, Vanessa Hill presented the library with a proclamation recognizing April 14, 2009 as National Library Worker's Day. Dr. Kreamer moved to accept the proclamation presented by Dr. Hill. The motion was seconded by Andrew Duhon and all were in favor.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

A design development presentation by the architect on the Main Library renovation project has been scheduled for the board meeting on April 20th. In addition to building committee members, Council Members Brandon Shelvin and Michele Ezell as well as Downtown Lafayette officials will be invited to attend the meeting.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

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

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Progress is continuing at the South Regional Library as the opening nears. The staff is shelving books and other materials. A soft opening is tentatively planned for the end of March. Only a few items, furniture and the computers remain at the Southside as that location prepares to close at the end of March. Ms. Dombourian noted that Duhon Road extension is now referred to as 'South City Parkway' as referenced by the new street sign.

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Larry Gass attended a meeting at North Regional with the mechanical engineers, the HVAC system subcontractor, factory reps and the maintenance technicians to discuss the problems with the HVAC system at North Regional. A monitor was placed on the system to detect irregularities in the voltage at the facility. At least some of the problems were attributed to a conflict between the HVAC units and the software control systems. Re-programming was performed on the software control system and appears to have resolved the bulk of the problems. Monitoring of any recurring problems will be conducted.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair provided a map and identification of the plants and trees that have been planted at the South Regional Library.

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

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

The South Regional Library grand opening ceremonies were discussed. A patron preview reception is planned for Monday, April 13th from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The official grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. A planning committee has met to plan the details of the preview reception. The Library Foundation has agreed to sponsor the preview reception and has committed \$3,500 toward the event. Dr. Kreamer also enlisted the support of the library board members toward the purchase of floral arrangements for the preview reception. The arrangements will also be in place for the grand opening.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correspondence from State Library Rebecca Hamilton was distributed. Her letter was regarding the recent budget cuts in state aid and staffing proposed by the governor and the plans of the State Library to address the proposed cuts as well as the federal stimulus payments.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary