

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 October 19, 2009 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Andrew Duhon, Susan Hamilton, 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. Board members Trista Badeaux and Mark Tullos were unable to attend. Guests present included Bruce Conque from the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and The Advocate reporter Marsha Sills.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Duhon and all were in favor.

### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Dombourian reported that statistics for September were good. All locations of the library were very busy and storytimes for the children have resumed. The Big Read Acadiana is continuing with an event sponsored by PASA scheduled for this week, as well as book discussions and lectures.

The budget for 2009-2010 was approved by the City-Parish Council.

Information and photographs on South Regional Library was submitted to Library Journal for their architectural issue.

The library has subscribed to Library Elf, third-party service that allows patrons to manage their accounts specifically holds that are ready to pick up or materials that are due to be returned.

Ms. Dombourian reported that Duson branch assistant Brenda Lavergne has announced her retirement after 23 years of service with the library.

### **CONSTRUCTION REPORTS**

#### **SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY**

We believe the leak in the teen's area at South Regional Library has been resolved. The facility has not leaked during recent heavy rains. The contractor has worked diligently to identify the trouble spot and eliminate the leaking during heavy rains. The Rue de Belier extension is now open and will offer an additional route to South Regional for more patrons living between Ridge Road and Congress St. The intergovernmental agreement with the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department for grounds maintenance is still in process with the LCG legal department.

#### **MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT**

The architect has received his notice to proceed with the construction documents phase. He will have 180 days to complete this phase of the project. When the plans are complete, they will be submitted for review by several agencies and individuals. The re-location plans for the interim main library are still in process.

#### **EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY**

A meeting is scheduled with officials from the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments to review the site proposed for the East Regional Library.

### **BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no sub-committee reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **FY 2009/2010 PAY FOR LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Dombourian stated that the 2009/2010 budget for Lafayette Consolidated Government includes a 2% across the board raise for LCG employees, including library staff. Susan Hamilton moved that the 2% raise included in the budget for library employees be applied to the library director as well. The motion was seconded by Jean Kreamer and all were in favor.

### **2010 PROPOSED LIBRARY HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

The Lafayette City-Parish Council will be asked to approve the 2010 LCG employee holiday calendar in November. The 2010 holiday and closings schedule for the library was presented for consideration. A motion was made by Dr. Kreamer to accept the recommended schedule for submission to LCG as part of the annual holiday resolution. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen, and passed unanimously. If approved by the City-Parish Council, the staff will receive one floating holiday in exchange for the observed holiday scheduled for Acadian Day

### **2010 PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The proposed library board meeting schedule was presented for consideration. Ms. Dombourian indicated that the January meeting has been changed to January 11 due to Martin Luther King Day and the February meeting has been changed to February 8 due to Mardi Gras. Discussion was held regarding the relocation of the meeting site at such time when the Main Library is closed for renovation. A motion was made by Kay Theunissen to accept the recommended meeting schedule and defer decision on an alternate meeting location until the temporary library location is known. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duhon, and passed unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion was made by Kay Theunissen to nominate Jean Kreamer for President of the Library Board of Control. The motion was seconded by Susan Hamilton and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Jean Kreamer to nominate Andrew Duhon for Vice-President of the Library Board of Control. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Dombourian expressed thanks to Vanessa Hill for her term as President of the Library Board and stated that a special book has been ordered and will have a bookplate indicating the appreciation of the board and presented her with a library service pin and appreciation certificate.

Mrs. Hamilton's second term on the Library Board of Control will expire on December 31, 2009 and she is not eligible for re-appointment.

Dr. Kreamer recognized Library Director Sona Dombourian who has been awarded the Libraries Southwest Lynda Carlberg award. Lynda Carlberg was the former director of the Calcasieu Parish Library System and the heart of Libraries Southwest. The award was established to honor Ms. Carlberg's memory and recognize special individuals for their contributions to libraries.

### **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