

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

April 20, 2023

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Amy Miller. Board members Jan Canterbury, Mary Jo Cooper, Sandra Dupree, Bill Jones, Eric McCulloch and Deborah Gilliam were present. Richard Durrett arrived by the end of the meeting.

Mr. McCulloch made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dupree seconded the motion. All yes, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Miller turned the meeting over to Director Bolom to present his proposed Summer Hours for the Library. Mr. McCulloch made a motion to set Library Summer hours of 9am-6pm, Monday through Saturday and 1pm-5pm on Sunday, from Monday, June 5 through Friday, August 4, 2023. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Director Bolom explained the proposed changes to the Library's Code of Conduct policy. He provided two options on the allowance of drinks in the Library. He also verbally requested the addition of a statement that drinks are still not allowed around Library electronic equipment. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Library's Code of Conduct policy, using the second option for drink allowance in the Library and the addition of a statement that no drinks are allowed around Library electronics. Ms. Dupree seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones, head of the Legislative Committee, thanked all board members and community members who attended the meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023. He also thanked the organizers of the meeting and guest Michael Lunsford for allowing him to share the Board's position on proposed legislation.

No other committee reports.

Director Bolom presented the Board with the financial report which shows spending on track or below for the first quarter.

Director Bolom also presented March's statistics, which showed a substantial increase in patron visits and material circulation.

Mr. Jones asked for a moment to recognize fellow board member, Sandra Dupree, for her recent award as the University of Louisiana System's Outstanding Staff Member of the Year.

In his report, Director Bolom mentioned his attendance at Green Gold and Trail Balzer consortium meetings. He reported the addition of a new database offered by the Library called Education Station, which is designed as a curriculum aid for homeschool parents. He also highlighted an update to the

Library's website with additions to the Lincoln Parish History section, which along with other information, now hosts the digital copy of the Lincoln Parish History book.

Bolom reported that Linda B. Williams and Tasia Wilson were hired in a part-time capacity in the circulation department. Interviews for the assistant director's position occurred the week of the board meeting. Children's manger and events center coordinator, Marcie Nelson, has resigned and her last day will be Saturday, May 6, 2023. Bolom has already posted the position in-house.

Bolom highlighted several programs including the new "Walk & Talk" program and a lobby art show by Ayah Tamini. He shared information on the upcoming Lincoln Literarium, the Lincoln 150 Summer Reading Challenge, and the "We Love Lincoln" community art project. Summer Reading will kick off on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Canterbury seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.