

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

March 16, 2023

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Vice-Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Mary Jo Cooper, Richard Durrett, Diana Humphries, Sandra Dupree, and Richard Durrett were present. Absent from the meeting were Eric McCulloch and Deborah Gilliam.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Durrett seconded the motion. All yes, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the minutes for both the February 16 and March 9, 2023 meetings. Ms. Dupree seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

At this point Chair Amy Miller entered the meeting and took charge of the meeting's proceedings.

Mr. Jones reported that talks between the Events Center Committee and the Convention and Visitors Bureau will sit down again after the results of the alcohol referendums up for election on April 25th.

Mr. Jones also reported that the Legislative Committee has made appointments with three of Lincoln Parish's State Legislators so far.

Chair Miller passed around a card from Mrs. Humphries thanking the board for their kind recognition of her service. Director Bolom noted that the Library has been receiving many memorial donations, both inhouse and via the mail, for John Chris Stephenson. As of the date of the meeting, \$900 had been given.

Director Bolom presented the Board with the financial report which now showed income for the Events Center, Fines and Fees, and Copy Machine Usage.

Director Bolom also presented February's statistics, which showed an almost 1500 person increase in patron visits. February's circulation topped that of 2022's by almost 5100, while all Library room bookings continue to increase.

In his report for professional activities, Director Bolom mentioned his attendance at a Louisiana Library Association and a Friends of the Lincoln Parish Library meetings. He also stated that rejoined the American Library Association, Public Library Association, and Association of Rural and Small Libraries. He noted that these memberships provide a wealth of information (through listservs, webinars, training, etc.) that is unavailable to nonmembers.

Bolom announced that the Library's Summer Reading theme for all ages will center around Lincoln Parish's 150 Anniversary Celebration. He also announced the first (annual) pictures with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Bolom alerted Board Members that professional photographs of

Library supervisors and board members has been booked for Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 3pm to 5pm..

Bolom reported that Dionna LeBlanc has been hired in a part-time capacity in the children's room. Another part-time circulation worker will resign at the end of the month, so an advertisement for two parttime circulation vacancies and the assistant director position have been announced according to the new hiring policy.

Bolom reported on the success of the Library's Black History Month programs which were put together by staffer Tony Lewis. He noted that the garage sale was a success for the Friends. He highlighted several upcoming events, noting again the Pictures with the Easter Bunny. He then invited all board members over to the Events Center after the meeting for the Celtic Music Concert featuring Amanda Roberts & Lady Chops.

A final comment was given by Mr. Jones, who after providing public comment on the impact of House Bill 25 at March's Police Jury meeting, has been invited to speak at the Police April meeting. Mr. Durrett noted that the State Police Jury Association is also doing its own research.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.