

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

April 18, 2024

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Mary Jo Cooper, Bill Jones, Richard Pyles, Eric McCulloch, Police Jury Ex-Officio Milton Melton, and new board member Amanda Norris were present. Eric McCulloch joined the meeting at agenda item VI. Absent from the meeting were Sandra Dupree and Deborah Gilliam. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

Chair Canterbury welcomed Amanda Norris as a new member to the Board.

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Pyles made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2024, meeting. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Canterbury turned the meeting over to Director Bolom to introduce the new Library Card Policy. He explained that, due to Louisiana Revised Statute 25:225, the Library needs a policy that not only explains how to get a card, but also how minor patrons' access to materials is restricted under the law. Mr. Melton made a motion to accept the policy as presented and Mr. Pyles seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Canterbury called on Mr. Jones to lead discussion on item VI to discuss and take appropriate action on Rep. Carlson's proposed amendments to House Bill 414. Mr. Jones gave an overview of the amendments, summarizing that the bill is worse than before and there is no possible way to make it acceptable. Since there is no change, the Board's resolution to oppose the bill at the March 21 meeting still stands as relevant and no action is needed.

There was no correspondence and communication.

Director Bolom presented the financial report, which shows typical expenditures for the first quarter of the year but warned that there will be more outgoing payments for Summer Reading activities in the coming months.

He then presented the statistics for March, noting that most stats connected to Library use remain strong. Program attendance is impressive with the Garage Sale, Geektogether, and Pictures with the Easter Bunny each with over 200 in attendance.

In his report, Bolom reviewed the day that he and Chair Canterbury spent at the State Library's and Louisiana Library Association's Legislative Day. He announced the completion of his first draft of the complete employee policy manual and the start of Abigail Massey as the new manager of Children's

Services. He reported the cancellation of the City of Ruston Easter egg hunt and ongoing preparation for the upcoming second annual Lincoln Literarium. He also provided the Parish IT services ticket activities report for January through March.

With no further discussions, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.