

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

July 18, 2024

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Melton made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2024, meeting. Ms. Dupree seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Canterbury called on Director Bolom to summarize the proposed Social Media Policy. Bolom stated that such a policy is standard and is long overdue for the Library. After clarification of item B under "Additional Provisions," Mr. Melton made a motion to accept the policy as presented, and Mrs. Norris seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Director Bolom continued by presenting the proposed Displays and Exhibits Policy. Bolom cited the need for the policy due to continued bookings of patron exhibits in the Library. Again, he mentioned such a policy is common among public libraries. Mrs. Norris made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Lastly, Director Bolom asked the board for approval of the new Photography and Media Recording Policy. A question from the floor by *Ruston Daily Leader* reporter, Caleb Daniel, asked about the intent of the first half of the third paragraph under the section "News Media Photography and Recordings," which read "The Library does not allow use of its facilities as interview venues for unrelated stories and does not allow access to Library users for opinion polls or "man on the street" interviews within its facilities or on its grounds." Once read out, Director Bolom acknowledged that as stated, the first half is not necessary and the Library has no intention of policing a reporter's use of Library facilities as long as the rest of the policy is followed. Mr. Jones made a motion to amend the policy by removing "does not allow use of its facilities as interview venues for unrelated stories" from the policy. Mrs. Norris seconded. After a rollcall vote, this amendment was accepted unanimously. Mr. Jones then made a motion to approve the policy as amended in the previous motion. Ms. Dupree seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence and communication.

During his financial report, Director Bolom pointed out the continued spending for programs due to Summer Reading. There were no questions about the budget.

He then presented the statistics for June, pointing out a large increase in patron visits, circulation, and programming numbers. This is consistent with a full month of Summer Reading at the Library. He also noted that database statistics have not yet been received by the State Library.

In his report, Bolom briefly went over his work on the staff policy manual and noted that it is in the final stages of hard edits before it is distributed to the Board for review in August. He notified the Board of three staff positions open at the Library. He finished by summarizing program and outreach activities, highlighting the amazing attendance at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries and Wild World of Animals programs.

With no further discussions, Mr. Pyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.