

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

August 15, 2024

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Sandra Dupree, Milton Melton, Deborah Gilliam, and Richard Pyles were present. Amanda Norris arrived at the meeting at agenda item VIII. Absent from the meeting were Bill Jones, 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. 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 July 18, 2024, meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Canterbury called on Director Bolom to present his recommended edits to the new Social Media Policy, which was approved at last month's meeting. Bolom stated after a meeting with staff, he realized clarification was needed for item A under "Additional Provisions." Mr. Pyles made a motion to accept the proposed edits, updating the policy, and Mr. Melton seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Canterbury called for discussion to create and appoint a committee concerned with improvements/repairs for the Library. Mr. Melton made a motion to table the item until the next meeting, citing the absence of several board members. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

No action was taken on item VIII, to discuss and take action to invite elected officials for personal Library tours, due to the absence of Mr. Jones, who planned on organizing the action.

There was no correspondence and communication.

During his financial report, Director Bolom said that spending is on track for where the Library stands in the fiscal year. There were no questions about the budget.

He then presented the statistics for July, which highlighted Summer Reading activities. Bolom continued by presenting a comparison of Summer Reading statistics for the last five years, highlighting how the COVID pandemic shaped Library activities and statistical counts. Overall, he was very pleased, noting over 9300 attendees to summer programs for 2024.

In his report, Bolom summarized his professional activities and projects, as well as Library staff, programming and community outreach and partnerships. He was most excited about plans for the upcoming "Fall into a Book Festival" and the donation of materials and labor for the Library to place Little Free Libraries around the parish. He also highlighted the upgrade to the Library's print

management system, which now can accept credit card payments at the point of service. He reminded the Board of the upcoming Ice Cream Social on September 19 from 4-6pm, which happens to coincide with the next board meeting.

Following the Director's Report, Mr. Melton went over the action that the Police Jury had taken at their last meeting, which affected the Library's millage rate.

Ms. Dupree relayed a "thank you" from Mrs. Wiley at Grambling for the wonderful experience her student had while interning at the Library last semester.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.