

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

August 19, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control met on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 and was called to order at 4:00 pm by Dr. Clark. Other members present were Dr. Gullatt, Dr. Hollimon, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Dupree, Mr. Penuell, and Mrs. Hunter. Absent were Mrs. Humphries and Mrs. O'Neal. Police Jury was represented by Kevin Klepzig, Chris Hyde, and Doug Postel. Caleb Daniel represented the media. Jeremy Bolom, Library assistant director was also present.

The agenda was approved with a motion from Mr. Penuell and a second from Dr. Hollimon. There was no public comment. Minutes were approved with a correction of the spelling of Mrs. Hunter's name following a motion by Dr. Gullatt and a second by Dr. Hollimon.

There was a discussion of the library construction bond tax. It was decided to recommend the police jury reduce the amount of the library's operating tax by .45-.50 and increase the sinking bond debt tax by the same amount in order to pay off the debt on the building next year. Mrs. McCain will write a letter to the finance committee of the jury. This was approved following a motion by Dr. Gullatt and a second by Mr. Penuell.

Mrs. McCain requested that the Unattended Children's Policy passed in 2006 be update to reflect new age limits being allowed in the library alone or with parents. In the new policy children age 5 and under must have a guardian with them in whatever department they are in. Children age 6-11 may be alone in a department but the guardian must be in the library. No child under age 12 will be allowed dropped off alone in the library, as recommended by the National Safety Association for Children; unanimously approved with a motion from Mr. Penuell and a second by Mrs. Dupree.

Mr. Bolom presented a web site that was built by SMG Design of Lake Charles. They are the company that has been engaged to build the new library web site. Bolom pointed out several pieces of the site that we told SMG Design we wanted incorporated into the library's new site. The new site should be completed within 8 weeks.

Mrs. McCain shared the Strategic Plan she has been working on. Several items of interest were discussed in it. She also told the board she is working on a way to produce virtual library cards for LP school children so that they can access databases and other e-services. McCain also shared statistics from May through July. While numbers are down, they are not bad considering the COVID changes that have been incorporated. The digital storytimes summer numbers were really impressive.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 with a motion from Mrs. Dupree and a second by Mr. Penuell.