

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

December 9, 2020

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Dr. Clark. Board members present were Dr. Clark, Dr. Gullatt, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dupree, Mrs. Humphries, Dr. Hollimon, and Mrs. Hunter.

The agenda was approved with a motion from Mrs. Dupree and a second from Mrs. Hunter

There were 24 public comments. Sixteen comments were made in favor of returning all LGBTQ books to their proper locations in the children's room and not keeping them reserved behind the desk. Five comments were to remove George and Rick from the children's department completely and place in another area of the library. 3 comments concerned the budget – one needed more clarity about the items listed, 1 felt there was too large a discrepancy between last year's budget and the proposed budget after the tax passed, and 1 felt the library needs a clear vision for a ten year span of time.

Mrs. McCain said she would bring the November 4 minutes to the next meeting.

New board member Amy Miller was welcomed to the group. Dr. Gullatt expressed thanks to the board for recommending him to be kept on the board.

Dr. Hollimon read the policy from the Louisiana Library Association's statement on censorship and the American Library Association Bill of Rights. She expressed appreciation to all the public who spoke. Then she read the Unattended Children's Policy and recommends that a statement from the Materials Selection Policy be included in the Unattended Children's Policy. This statement is **“Only parents and guardians have the right and responsibility to guide and direct the reading listening and viewing choices of their own minor children, The Library does no stand in the place of parents. (in loco parentis)”** The additional statement was approved following a motion from Dr. Gullatt and a second by Mrs. Dupree. There was one abstention.

Dr. Clark expressed sadness that the Library tax vote failed and stated there will definitely be an impact because of the failure.

In light of the tax failure, the budget was revised with assistance from Dr. Clark, Dr. Gullatt and Chris Hyde. Those revisions were approved with a motion from Mrs. Hunter and a second from Mrs. Dupree, with one abstention.

Dr. Clark instructed Mrs. McCain to have the building cleaned professionally, in light of a staff member testing positive for COVID-19.

There was discussion of forming 3 committees to work with Mrs. McCain in Personnel, Finance and Acquisitions. Mrs. McCain stated she felt that these committees were taking the place of her doing her job. Dr. Gullatt states that no, these were not taking the place of her job but were to be sounding boards and advisory in nature. No committees were formed at this time.

The director's evaluation process has been changed to add a blank sheet of paper so that individual comments and additional information may be added. This was approved with a motion from Dr. Gullatt and a second from Dr. Hollimon.

In other business, Mrs. McCain presented a draft version of a cooperative endeavor between the Library and the Louisiana Delta Community College. They wished to utilize the Vienna room as an ELS class for the next year on a daily basis. Mrs. Miller stated that in a cooperative endeavor there must be something given in return. After discussion this was not passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 following a motion by Mrs. Hunter and a second by Mrs. Dupree.