

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

July 21, 2021

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Dr. Clark, Library Board President. Board members present included Dr. Augusta Clark, Jan Canterbury, Mary Jo Cooper, Sandra Dupree, Richard Durrett, Diana Humphries, and Amy Miller.

The agenda was approved with a motion from Mrs. Miller and a second from Mr. Durrett. All yes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Miller made the motion to accept the Board Minutes as presented for June 16. Mrs. Canterbury seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Clark requested the Board consider a Recognition Committee be formed in order to honor past Library advocates whose work were important to the development and growth of the Library in previous years. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the committee. Mrs. Humphries seconded the motion. All yes. Motion Carried.

The Interim Library Director gave a report of Library operations. She informed the Board that the Library had received over \$47,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to be put toward furthering public access technologies in the Library. She stated that the Library was looking to update and expand their public access computers and were considering other projects as well as they pursued quotes. Mr. Durrett recommended the Library reach out to the Parish IT for assistance in obtaining the quotes. The Library Director also informed the Board that the Library had been the recipient of ten Spark Boxes from the Louisiana Endowment of the Humanities as a grant fulfillment to help promote literacy to underserved, high-risk families with children in the parish. She mentioned that the Library would be reaching out to the School Board in order to ensure these materials made it into the hands of the right candidates.

The Library Director also gave the statistical report for the month. She informed the Board that the Library received right at 12,000 visitors in June. She also briefed the Board on Summer Reading statistics thus far. The Children's Department had reported over 500 participants registered to date and the Teen and Adult Departments had over 100 participants so far. She also reported that all three departments were collectively prepping and handing out between 200 and 400 crafts each week.

Laura Hartt reported to the Board that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor had reached out to her office this week requesting assistance in obtaining a location to host their Best Practices for Small Government Workshop to be held in Ruston on September 23 and 24. Laura asked if the Library would be interested in hosting the event at the Event Center. The Board and the Director unanimously agreed.

With no further discussions, Mr. Durrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.