

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

August 18, 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, Mary Jo Cooper, Richard Durrett, Sandra Dupree, Diana Humphries, Bill Jones, Amy Miller, and Charles Penuell.

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

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Dupree made the motion to accept the Board Minutes as presented with the changes state for July 21. Mr. Penuell seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Alan Brown gave a report on the progress of the Recognition Committee. He asked the Board for direction on how they wanted to recognize the individuals as well as a projected date for the event? He voiced concern from the families of the honorees citing concerns with public health and safety at the current time. It was agreed that postponing the event until Spring would likely be the best course of action. After much discussion it was agreed that a press release stating the plans for the event as well as announcing a Plaque placed within the Library to honor those recognized would be the best course of action at this time. Mr. Jones made a motion that Mr. Alan along with assistance from the Interim Director, Ms. Nelson, would draft a detailed account of the services provided by the honorees as well as recommend locations within the Library to place the plaque and pursue estimates for such a piece. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Humphries. All yes. Motion carried.

The Interim Library Director gave a report of Library operations. She informed the Board that the Library had placed the order for 50 new public access computers using the recently received American Rescue Plan Act funding. She stated that the final numbers for Summer Reading Participation were 177 Pre-Readers with 48% completion, 223 Early Readers with 31% completion, 177 Tweens with 48% completion, 88 Teens with 26% completion, and 49 Adults with 41% completion. She also informed the Board that the staff would be working to pack up the Friends of the Library Book Sale and the Community Room would be ready for use starting in September.

The Library Director also gave the statistical report for the month. She informed the Board that the Library received right at 10,500 visitors in July. Despite the slight decrease in foot traffic, the circulations remained almost identical to the numbers shown in June.

Dr. Clark showed the Board the handout for the upcoming election that matched the design for the yard signs. She also showed how on the back of the handout was a chart given by the Tax Assessors office showing what each household and business, based on property value, would pay for the proposed lower millage of 4.49. Mr. Lewis Jones, attorney, recommended making sure it was understood that the rates

shown were only a one-time annual fee. Mr. Bill Jones recommended putting on the front that if the tax failed the Library would close.

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