

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

November 17, 2021

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

Amy Miller made the motion to amend the agenda to state “consider and take action on Library Closures for 2021” under the Interim Director’s Report. A roll call vote was taken. Durrett- Yes, Jones- Yes, Cooper- Yes, Canterbury- Yes, Dupree- Yes, Clark- Yes, Humphries- Yes, Miller- Yes. With all yes, the motion carried and agenda was approved with the proposed amendment.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Miller made the motion to approve the October 2021 minutes. Mrs. Dupree seconded the vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Clark addressed the local Journals to thank them for their time and coverage of the Library events and election matters over the past year plus. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Miller also expressed interested in advertising with the local journals to thank the public for their support of the Library in the recent election. With no further discussion for correspondence and communication, Dr. Clark officially announced the passing of the Library Tax Vote from the previous Saturday. She expressed gratitude to the public, as well as members of the Board, Friends of the Library and the Library staff for the effort given to making the community aware of the vote as well as educating them on the value of the Library and what it has to offer.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget as presented and to recommend that budget to the Lincoln Parish Police Jury moving forward. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was brought forward on the proposed 2022 Library Holiday Calendar and Library closures. The Board discussed removing closure dates for Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day) and Sunday, June 19 (Father’s Day). The Library Director explained that those dates were unpaid holidays and that the Library was only open for four hours on Sundays. The Board also discussed the addition of closure for Monday, June 20 (Juneteenth) as well as Friday, November 11 (Veteran’s Day). Doug Postel, Parish Administrator, confirmed that the Jury offices would be closed for those dates. With the information discussed, Mrs. Miller made the motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Closures with the subtraction of Mother’s Day and Father’s day as well as the addition of Juneteenth and Veteran’s Day. Mrs. Humphries seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Clark announced the replacement of Mr. Alan Brown with Mr. Sam Williams for the Recognition Committee.

The Library Director presented the October 2021 statistics to the Board. She also informed the Board of upcoming in house and outreach events within the community that the Library would be participating in. She announced a need for volunteers for the upcoming Pictures with Santa to be held on Sunday, December 5 from 1pm to 5pm in the Library Event Center. She also informed the Board that the Library would be participating in the Christmas Parade on December 11 from 5pm to 8pm if anyone wanted to join that.

The Library Director proposed to the Board early closure for Saturday, December 11 at 5pm in order to allow the staff working that day to participate in the parade. She also proposed early closure for Thursday, December 16 at 6pm in order to allow all Library staff the opportunity to attend the Parish Employee Christmas Party to be held at the Library Event Center at 6pm. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the early closures as proposed. Mrs. Dupree seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

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