



# ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEM

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St. Mary Parish Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 24, 2020

The St. Mary Parish Library Board of Control met on Tuesday November 24, 2020 at the Alex P. Allain Library in Franklin. Cherie Laiche, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

**Attending:** Cherie Laiche, Chair  
Karla Vappie  
Jane Luke  
Don T. Caffery  
Lucy Watson

Jason Watson, Treasurer  
Julie Champagne, Director

**Absent:** Mary Bailey

**Guests:** Ashton Myers

### Motion to Approve the Agenda for November 24, 2020:

- Motion by Mrs. Karla Vappie
- Second by Ms. Lucy Watson
- All in favor – Motion carried.

### Motion to Approve the Minutes for August 5, 2020:

- Motion by Mrs. Karla Vappie
- Second by Ms. Jane Luke
- All in favor – Motion carried.

### Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

### Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

### Financial Reports:

Ashton Myers, Business Manager, presented the Budget to Actual Report to the Board of Control.

### Old Business:

- Julie Champagne announced to the Board that the lease with the Church for the rental of the temporary Berwick branch is completed and the Library took possession of the building on October 1, 2020. The Berwick branch has been providing service to the community from this location.

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#### New Business:

- A. Ashton Myers presented proposed amendments to the 2020 budget. The amendments would reflect changes in spending and library use collections due to Covid-19.

#### Motion to Accept the Proposed 2020 Amended Budget, as presented:

Motion by Mr. Jason Watson, Treasurer  
Second by Mrs. Karla Vappie  
All in favor – Motion carried.

#### Motion to Accept the Proposed 2021 Budget, as adjusted:

Motion by Mr. Jason Watson, Treasurer  
Second by Ms. Jane Luke  
All in favor – Motion carried.

- B. Julie Champagne discussed Covid-19 procedures with the Board.
- C. Julie Champagne presented the results of the August 15, 2020 election to the Board of Control.
- D. Julie Champagne discussed with the Board that the Centerville branch roof and air conditioning unit are in need of repair. The estimated cost of these repairs is around \$30,000. The Bayou Vista branch also needs mold remediation and remodeling to remove the vinyl wallpaper. The estimated cost of this repair is about \$50,000. Julie Champagne asked for guidance from the Board on how to proceed. This discussion was tabled until the Board has enough information to make an informed decision.
- E. Julie Champagne and Ashton Myers presented the 2021 Holidays and Library Closures Schedule.
- F. Julie Champagne and Ashton Myers presented the 2021 Board of Control Meeting Schedule.
- G. Julie Champagne discussed a timeline with the Board for the ground breaking for the Berwick renovation project. Julie Champagne also discussed with the Board what kind of groundbreaking ceremony they would like for this project. Since it was an existing facility, the consensus was there would be no groundbreaking ceremony.

#### Director Report:

Julie Champagne announced the retirement of the Berwick branch manager, Diane Matherne.

The next Library Board of Control meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2021.

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### Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Jason Watson, Treasurer  
Second by Mrs. Karla Vappie  
All in favor – Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie W. Champagne

*Approved March 2, 2021*

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Cherie Laiche, Chair

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