

ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

August 13, 2024

5:00 P.M.

St. Mary Parish Library

1325 Belleview Drive

Bayou Vista, LA 70380

Karla Vappie called the meeting order at 5:07 P.M.

In attendance were Karla Vappie, Cherie Laiche, Jason Watson, Adriane Kramer, and Ashton Myers. Absent were Mary B. Bailey, Don T. Caffery, and Carla Davis. The guest in attendance was April Boudreaux, Business Manager.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Cherie Laiche and seconded by Jason Watson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cherie Laiche and seconded by Jason Watson to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024, regular meeting and June 18, 2024, special meeting. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports:

Ashton Myers announced that Jason Watson has asked to step down from the policy committee due to scheduling conflicts.

Financial Reports:

April Boudreaux, Business Manager, presented the budget to actual as of July 31, 2024.

Old Business:

Ashton Myers presented a proposal from ARL Construction for the renovation of the bathrooms at the Bayou Vista and Baldwin branches. The proposal includes the excavation of a new sewer line and installing new toilets at the Baldwin branch and the replacement of floor drains in the Bayou Vista branch.

Ashton Myers updated the board on the status of the surplus of excess furniture and equipment. The trailer sold for \$577.77. The folding tables sold for \$110.00. No bids were received for the conference table, credenzas or the window AC unit.

The main branch in Franklin is experiencing water intrusion at multiple areas of the library through the walls. Ashton Myers will update the board when quotes are received to remedy this problem.

New Business:

Ashton Myers presented a listing of requested upgrades and improvements to library buildings and assets. This listing included the addition of fire alarms to four library branches, upgrading the security camera system, replacing the library van with a new transit van, the purchase of a truck for the library maintenance department, repairs needed to the AC ducts in Patterson, and the announcement of leaks in the roof at Amelia. The board approved the quote for the upgrade of the security camera system, replacement of the library transit van, the purchase of a truck, repairs to the AC ducts in Patterson and the aforementioned bathroom repairs in Bayou Vista and Baldwin.

A motion was made by Jason Watson and seconded by Cherie Laiche to declare the library van as surplus. Motion carried.

Ashton Myers also introduced the idea to the board that the Bayou Vista branch will soon be in need of the same remodel and upgrades that the Baldwin branch received in 2023.

Director's Report:

The next meeting will be held September 10, 2024, at the Franklin Library.

All library locations will be closed Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day.

A motion was made by Adraine Kramer to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jason Watson. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.