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St. Mary Parish Library
Board Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2020

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

Attending: Cherie Laiche, Chair (Available via Zoom)
Karla Vappie
Jane Luke
Don T. Caffery
Lucy Watson
Mary Bailey (Available via Zoom)
Jason Watson, Treasurer
Julie Champagne, Director

Absent: None

Guests: Ashton Myers
Christine Ibert

Motion to Approve the Agenda for August 5, 2020:

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

Motion to Approve the Minutes for June 3, 2020:

- Motion by Mr. Jason Watson, Treasurer
- Second by Ms. Lucy Watson
- All in favor – Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports:

The Building Committee reported on their meeting at the Berwick branch with architect, Daniel Bruce. The board had a lengthy discussion about an exterior wall on the blueprints for the renovated Berwick Branch. Julie Champagne, Director, will be addressing the Berwick City Council at a closed council meeting to review the plans for the branch renovations.

Financial Reports:

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

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Ashton Myers presented proposed amendments to the 2020 budget. The amendments would reflect changes in spending and library use collections due to the library being closed for Covid-19. The Board requested that the line item for DVD purchases also be adjusted to reflect the reduction in spending.

Motion to Accept the Proposed Amendments to the 2020 Budget, as adjusted:

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

Old Business:

- Julie Champagne submitted the working contract with the Church to rent the temporary Berwick branch building while the existing building is under renovations. The Board is waiting for the amendments from the Church to proceed.

New Business:

- Julie Champagne presented to the Board a proposal to declare outdated library materials as surplus to be donated to charities or to be distributed to the public at a later date.

Motion to Declare Outdated Library Materials as Surplus to be Distributed in a Legal and Ethical Manner:

- Motion by Mrs. Karla Vappie
 - Second by Mrs. Lucy Watson
 - All in favor – Motion carried.
- Julie Champagne announced to the Board of Control that the St. Mary Parish School Board Sales Tax Proposal has been removed from the ballot. Cherie Laiche, Chair, has written a letter to the Library’s patrons to be included in the Library Lagniappe Newsletter. Julie Champagne encouraged Cherie Laiche to also send this letter to the editors of the Franklin Banner Tribune and the Daily Review.
 - Julie Champagne requested advice from the Board on how to keep library patrons socially distanced once school is back in session. Cherie Laiche suggested that Julie Champagne contact David Naquin about the Library’s capacities at each branch. Jason Watson suggested that the Board table this discussion for the next meeting and the Board will brainstorm better ways to keep our staff and patrons socially distanced.

Director Report:

The Virtually Summer Reading Program was a success. The Summer Reading statistics were much lower than reported in previous years due to Covid.

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The next Library Board of Control meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2020.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Jason Watson, Treasurer

Second by Ms. Jane Luke

All in favor – Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie W. Champagne

Cherie Laiche, Chair

Approved October 7, 2020

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