

St. Mary Parish Library  
Board of Control  
de Grummond Branch Library  
Centerville, LA  
April 4, 2018  
5:00 pm  
Minutes

Present: Mary Bailey, Don T. Caffery, Cherie Laiche, Jane Luke, Karla Vappie, Jason Watson, Lucy Watson, Julie Champagne, Connie Durocher and Osaria Rogers. Absent was Ken Singleton.

Call to order 5:00 Mrs. Bailey

Approval of the agenda: A motion to expand the agenda to include report from the salary committee an Executive Session to discuss the Director's contract. Mrs. Vappie made a motion to approve the expanded agenda. Mrs. Laiche seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes Mrs. Watson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment

Present form the public were: Caroline Simoneaux, Patricia Boudreaux, Diane Nugent, Charlene Clausen, Malinda Yoshida and Judy Luke.

Mrs. Nugent served as the primary spokesperson. The group spoke for about one hour concerning the desire to have a bricks and mortar facility to serve as the library. The expressed no disgruntlement concerning the library service just with its facility. The third district provides the library taxing district with approximately \$325,000 in taxes and would like to see more of it spent on the Centerville Library.

#### Old Business

Berwick: 3517 Fourth Street was purchased for \$25,000.00 from the Johnson estate plus \$780.20 in closing cost.

Facilities Maintenance Master Plan was deferred

Amelia repairs A roofer has suggested that the roof should last five or more years if we replace the three weak areas.

Centerville repairs: have found a roofer to fix the Centerville issues.

Amelia Security Cameras have been installed and are working well.

Patterson security cameras have been installed as well.

We need to go back and have camera put on the Wi-Fi areas and the air conditioner units at all Branches.

#### Report from salary committee

Mrs. Bailey met with Mr. Watson and the Director in the Business Office on March 21 at 3:00. Mr. Watson presented the summary of the meeting. The Director was charged with reworking the

salary chart and increasing the starting wage for regular employees to \$8.45 per hour and then merit raises when merited. The Committee stated that a 5% raise was in approved for the director. It had been three years since the staff had a raise and five years for the director.

#### New Business

Centerville, Franklin and Baldwin Security will be installed in the next round.

Purchase and demolition of Berwick Property. The property has been boarded and quotes to demolish structure and make the lots safe will be solicited soon.

#### Director's report

LLA was a great success in Alexandria. Four of the staff in the blue van had a harrowing experience when the cruise control failed to disengage. The van was towed back to the dealer in Franklin, but no errors on the computer. It was suggested to have someone else check it out and there was no damage to the brakes despite the smoke and sparks, but it appeared the aftermarket mats were the culprit.

Personnel The Director thanked the Board on behalf of the staff for the raises. She also mentioned that she was working hard with the staff to get more salary saving and to be better with salary due to attrition.

ALA New Orleans If anyone was interested in going to please contact Hilda or Julie before going so the necessary documentation for reimbursement could be discussed.

Adjourn Mrs. Bailey entertained a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Vappie made the motion, Mr. Caffery seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie W. Champagne, Director  
St. Mary Parish Library System

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Mary Bailey, Chair  
St. Mary Parish Library Board of Control