Chairwoman Mrs. Gwen Talbot called the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2017 at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library.

Members present were Ms. Alberta Adams; Mr. L.P. Bordelon; Mr. Marty Collins; Ms. Rosa Pitre, and Mrs. Gwen Talbot. Library Director Mary Cosper LeBoeuf was in attendance. A quorum was present. Assistant Director Tracy Guyan and Finance Manager Christopher Moore also attended.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation were recited.

Mr. Collins moved to adopt the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting. Ms. Pitre seconded. Motion passed.

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Ms. Sharon Alford; Dr. Mike Flynn

In the director’s report, Mrs. LeBoeuf reported that the new monthly workshop, “Southern Writers” has been doing very well with steady participants. “Books on the Bayou” was held in November after having to reschedule due to inclement weather. This month the Noon Year’s Eve Party for children, TARC Bell Choir, and the Friends choice book sale will be held at the main library. The Dularge Branch is holding the annual “Showing Off on the Bayou.” The library is collaborating with the Regional Military Museum and the American Library Association to host documentary viewings and discussions on the Vietnam War. In January, the library will display an Anne Frank exhibit and performance called “Conversations with Anne” sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Under old business, Mrs. LeBoeuf reported that the Gibson Branch patronage has almost doubled since the new facility opened.

Under new business, Mr. Collins moved to accept the January – November 2017 financial statement. Ms. Pitre seconded. Motion passed.

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Alford; Flynn

Mr. Bordelon moved to accept the 2017 revised budget. Ms. Pitre gave the second. Motion passed.

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Alford; Flynn

At 5:18 p.m., Ms. Adams moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Collins seconded. Motion passed.

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Alford; Flynn
Mr. Collins made a motion to accept the 2018 Proposed Budget with the modifications outlined below. Mr. Bordelon seconded. Motion passed

Line items reduced: telephone; salary increases rescinded; janitorial services; personnel; security; travel; databases; contingency; major repairs: acquisitions – educational; acquisitions – office equipment; acquisitions – books; acquisitions – periodicals; acquisitions – audiobooks

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Alford; Flynn

In reducing the budget to meet the deficient, some reductions in the line items include: reducing branch hours and eliminating contractual janitorial services.

At 5:55 p.m., Mr. Collins moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Pitre seconded. Motion passed.

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Alford; Flynn

Ms. Pitre left at 5:56 p.m.

Ms. Adams made a motion to deny all janitorial bids due to budget restrictions. Mr. Collins seconded. Motion passed.

Yes: Adams; Bordelon; Collins; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Alford; Flynn

The board agreed to continue having its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month if there are agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mary Cosper LeBoeuf
Secretary/Director