Chairwoman Mrs. Gwen Talbot called the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control's regular meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. on February 21, 2024, at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library.

Members present were Judge Jude Fanguy, Mr. Jon Paul Olivier, and Ms. Rosa Pitre. Library Director Mary Cosper LeBoeuf was in attendance. A quorum was present. Assistant Director Tracy Guyan and Finance Manager Christopher Moore were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation were recited.

Public wanting to address the board: None

Mr. Olivier moved to adopt the minutes for the December 7, 2023 meeting. Judge Fanguy gave the second. Motion passed.

Yes: Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Talbot
No: None
Absent: Ms. Alberta Adams; Mr. L.P. Bordelon; Ms. Devonna Simmons

Mrs. LeBoeuf gave the director's report. She reported that she has been appointed to the State Library Board of Examiners by the Louisiana State Library Board. The mandated tier library card began on February 1, 2024 with smooth implementation. The only complaint is there is no longer an online library card. The gaming room at the North Branch is a huge success and has increased monthly visitors to the branch by approximately 1,200 people.

Under old business, Architect Daniel Bruce mentioned that the construction crew is almost complete with the original scope of the Hurricane Ida job at the main library. The additional carpet changes and game room addition are being designed.

The South Regional Branch construction continues to be on schedule. Currently, Thompson Construction is working on the roof and exterior of the building.

The director is continuing to work with Dr. Gilda Eubanks with the Red Cross and Castagnos, Goodwin, and Utley in installing a generator for the East Houma Branch.

The administrative staff is working on a salary study for the library, because of the increase in wages for the Terrebonne Parish School District and surrounding parish libraries.

Under new business, Mrs. LeBoeuf presented the 2023 library statistics, which will be attached to the minutes.

Mr. Olivier moved to accept the 2023 pre-audit financial statement. Judge Fanguy gave the second. Motion passed.
Judge Fanguy moved to accept the January 2024 Financial Statement. Mr. Olivier gave the second. Motion passed.

The members discussed the board’s by-laws. Changes suggested were to correct the meeting frequency, the length of time for public speakers wanting to address the board, and the election of officers.

Mr. Olivier moved to accept the highest bid for the surplus library van. Ms. Pitre gave the second. Motion passed. Two bids were received and validated. Shelby Johnson (high bidder) at $5,400.00 and JJ Merchant/James Durham at $4,777.77.

There was a discussion of the upcoming year’s meeting dates. Due to conflict, the meeting for June is on June 20, 2024. August is to be determined.

The election of officers was held and all will remain in their current positions:
- Gwen Talbot – President
- Jon Paul Olivier – Vice President
- Albert Adams – Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mary Cosper Leppeuf
Secretary/Director