Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control Minutes June 20, 2024

Chairwoman Mrs. Gwen Talbot called the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control regular meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. on June 20, 2024, at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library.

Members present were Mr. Jon Paul Olivier, Ms. Rosa Pitre, Ms. Karen Schilling, and Devonna Simmons. Library Director Mary Cosper LeBoeuf was in attendance. A quorum was present. Assistant Director Tracy Guyan, Associate Director Rachel LeCompte, and Finance Manager Christopher Moore were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation were recited.

Public wanting to address the board: None

Mrs. Talbot welcomed the newly appointed board member, Ms. Karen Schilling, who is completing the term of the vacant seat held by the recently deceased Mr. L.P. Bordelon.

Mr. Olivier moved to adopt the minutes, with corrections, for April 17, 2024. Ms. Schilling gave the second. The motion passed.

Yes:

Olivier; Pitre; Schilling; Simmons; Talbot

No:

None

Absent:

Ms. Alberta Adams; Judge Jude Fanguy

Mrs. LeBoeuf gave the director's report. She and the East Houma Branch manager attended a meeting held by the Red Cross with 89 other non-profit agencies. Amazing information learned was that the Terrebonne Parish Library System is used as an example for other library systems outside of the state. Library system administrators in Kentucky introduced themselves and said they use the system as a model for its programs and initiatives. This truly says a lot about the library.

Mrs. LeBoeuf asked on behalf of the Friends of the Library to hold a "Friends First" event at the South Regional Branch on September 12, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This would allow current and new friends members to see the new branch before the official grand opening.

Mr. Olivier moved to grant the Friends First event. Ms. Pitre gave the second. The motion passed.

Yes:

Olivier; Pitre; Schilling; Simmons; Talbot

No:

None

Absent:

Adams; Fanguy

Under old business, Architect Daniel Bruce mentioned that the Hurricane Ida repairs for the main library are substantially completed, and a punch list is being prepared.

The South Regional Branch is on target to be completed in July/August. The grand opening is set for September 14, 2024 at 10 a.m. Mr. Bruce mentioned that he has a safety concern regarding the drop at the car drive for the drive-thru and suggests that a fence/railing be installed to prevent any accidental pedestrian incidents.

Ms. Schilling moved to add fencing/railing to the drive thru area as a change order. Ms. Simmons gave the second. The motion passed.

Yes:

Olivier; Pitre; Schilling; Simmons; Talbot

No:

None

Absent:

Adams; Fanguy

All required paperwork has been submitted and signed for the generator donated from the Red Cross for the East Houma Branch.

Mr. Bruce mentioned that a storage shed will be added to the East Houma Branch renovation plans to accommodate the growing need of the library for a climate-controlled storage solution.

Under new business, Mr. Olivier moved to accept the January – May 2024 financial statement. Ms. Pitre gave the second. The motion passed.

Yes:

Olivier; Pitre; Schilling; Simmons; Talbot

No:

None

Absent:

Adams; Fanguy

Ms. Schilling moved to accept the amended 2024 budget. Mr. Olivier gave the second. The motion passed.

Yes:

Olivier; Pitre; Schilling; Simmons; Talbot

No:

None

Absent:

Adams; Fanguy

The next board meeting date is set for September 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Mary Cosper LeBoeuf Secretary/Director