

**RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY  
BOARD OF CONTROL  
MINUTES**

**April 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Control was called to order by President Susie C. Smith, at 3:30 p.m. at the Huie-Dellmon House, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Board members present were Mr. Eddy Boddie, Mrs. Ann Heath, Mrs. Diane Lawton, Mrs. Alice Story, Mrs. Susie C. Smith, Mr. Glenn Rechs, and Ms. Lee Moore. Mrs. Linda McMahon could not make the meeting. Mr. Rechs and Mr. Boodie moved to allow the Martin Branch Manager Donna LeBlanc to give her presentation first. For the last five years, she has worked on storytimes and other services for home-schooled students. The Board expressed their appreciation of her dedication to her. Mrs. Alice Story brought up the fact that maybe The Town Talk would be a good venue for this story. In the discussion that followed it was mentioned that McDonald, Gunter, and Robertson branches cater to older home-schooled students. Rechs moved and Boddie seconded that the renewed agenda be approved and it was approved..

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Business Manager Jimmy Holsomback reported that everything is on schedule. When asked by Mr. Rechs about the higher utility rates, Mr. Holsomback reported that utilities haven't been higher than last year's. He also said that the auditor will be here next week. Mr. Boodie moved and Mrs. Story seconded that the report be accepted, and it was accepted.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rogge reported that he represented the Library at the funeral of Mrs. JoAnn Hawkins. She was a member of the Library Board of Control for many years.

Rogge reported that we have not been paid by the City of Alexandria for the property on Lower Third Street that we sold to the City last year. Rogge also reported that there has been a 184% jump in computer usage. In addition, due to allowing social networking sites, he reported that he attended the Trustee Workshop in Lafayette.

Rogge reported that there was a problem with a customer who had to be expelled because of using foul, loud language at the Martin Branch. Rogge sent him a letter about his behavior and his expulsion from the Martin Branch.

Margaret Waring-Brown has been offering advice on the shrubbery problems at the Martin Branch. It may be that the best way to handle this problem is to dig up all the shrubs, vines, etc; and start from scratch in some areas. Rogge also reported that we have an issue with insufficient

parking at the West Side Regional.

#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR DIRECT SERVICES**

Laura-Ellen Ayres reported that she has hired Bookmobile Manager Mariann Strange to be the Manager of the Robertson Branch. She also promoted Steve Ledet to be the Assistant Manager. Job openings are to be filled at Gunter, Johnson, McDonald, and a 20 hour position to clean Westside Regional. Hineston and Gunter will have self-checkout stations soon. Seven to twelve percent of customers at Westside Regional use this service. Boyce Branch is working to start a Friends group there.

#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OUTREACH SERVICES**

Kelly Kingrey-Edwards reported that Westside Regional will hold a gardening workshop. She reported that there will be no grant money from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities this fall for a discussion series. She will solicit money from local sources. The topic will be North Louisiana.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Janie Primeaux was not present but her report is in the packets.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Bev Lueder will set a date for the Personnel Committee to address Steve's evaluation and pay increase. She reported that she had to terminate two employees. One falsified his usage of a library van.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board had previously passed a motion allowing social networking, but, we have not changed the policy. Ms. Moore moved and Mrs. Heath seconded the motion to update the policy. The motion passed.

**The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2010 at the Huie-Dellmon House at 3:30.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Steve Rogge

Susie C. Smith  
President