

**RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY
BOARD OF CONTROL
MINUTES**

December 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Rapides Parish Library (RPL) Board of Control was called to order by President Susie Smith at 3:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Huie-Dellmon House, 430 St. James Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Board members present were Dr. Pat Barber, Mr. Eddy Boddie, Mrs. Ann Heath, Mrs. Linda McMahon, Mr. Glenn Rechs, Mrs. Susie Smith, and Mrs. Alice Story. Mrs. Diane Lawton and Ms. Lee Moore were not present.

President Smith asked for a moment of silence. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Rechs seconded. The motion was passed. Mr. Rechs moved to approve the minutes from both the October 19 and November 16 meetings. Mrs. Story seconded, and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Jimmy Holsomback reviewed November income and operating expenses. He reported we received the usual branch income in copies, fines, etc. We have received \$4,575, 75% of the Decentralized Arts Funding grant from the City of Alexandria. Operating expenses were the normal expenses for a typical month. He specifically referred to a \$2,043 payment on the roofing project and a \$5,665 payment on the Westside Regional parking lot expansion. A payment remains for the 10% retainage due the contractor on the parking lot project. The final cost of the Main Roofing project will be shown on the December statement. Mr. Holsomback also pointed out that the King Branch jumped from tenth to sixth in number of overall transactions. Mr. Holsomback reported the 2010 budgeted income and operating expenses through November 30, 2010, were in order. Mr. Rechs moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Boddie seconded, and the motion passed.

PENDING PROJECTS: Main Roofing

Mr. Holsomback reported that the bulk of the work on the Main re-roofing project has been completed. All that remained was some detail work, and the project will be complete. The roofing contractor estimates the roof will be completed during the first week of January 2011 after they take a week-long break for Christmas.

PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET

President Smith opened a public forum for comments on the Proposed RPL 2011 Budget. No comments were made, and the public forum was closed. Mrs. Barber moved to adopt the Rapides Parish Library Budget for 2011. Mr. Rechs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rogge reported to the Board that although circulation is down by 3.8% from November 2009, overall transactions are up by 13.73%. We have been seeing this as a trend since the Board voted to allow customers to access social network sites online. Mr. Rogge also said we received a check for \$38,765 from the Huie-Dellmon Trust. This was the total amount we requested, so Mr. Rogge was quite pleased to receive the check. Because Assistant Director of Direct Services Laura-Ellen Ayres was unable to attend, Mr. Rogge highlighted some items from her report. He mentioned the carpet at the Johnson Branch was stretched, and the exterior light problem at the Martin Branch was also addressed by CLECO. Additionally, Mr. Rogge announced the reception for Geneva Roper's retirement on Saturday, January 8th.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH SERVICES

Kelly Kingrey-Edwards was not able to attend, but on her behalf, Mr. Rogge said the Rapides Reads program had nearly ended, and most of the statistics were in. The program served over 1,000 people so far; 70% of those attendees were adults while 30% were children. Mrs. Lawton mentioned she was able to attend the Tioga performance of *All the King's Men*, and it was wonderful; she also knew several people who enjoyed the performance at Kee's Park.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Systems Manager Janie Primeaux reported that we would offer several classes in December and January on how to use our digital library. She also said that in January Trina Kirk would begin to offer a computer class at Robertson Branch once a month.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rogge said the Board needed to form a nominating committee to select officers for 2011. Mr. Rechs, Mrs. Story, and Mrs. Barber volunteered to participate on that committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011, at the Huie-Dellmon House.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Steve Rogge
Secretary

Susie Smith
President

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