

**RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF CONTROL**  
**MINUTES**

**March 16, 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.

Board members present were Pat Barber, Ann Heath, Diane Lawton, Linda McMahon, Lee Moore, Glenn Rechs, Susie Smith, and Alice Story. Eddy Boddie was absent. Library staff members were also in attendance.

Library Director Steve Rogge introduced Pat Barber as the newest Board member who is taking the place of Sue Vanderlick. She was warmly welcomed by all. President Susie Smith asked for a moment of silence, then called for a vote on the agenda. Ms. Pat Barber moved and Mrs. Linda McMahon seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed. Smith asked members to add additions or corrections to the January's minutes. Rogge's Administrative Assistant Sharin McMonagle apologized for only having the second page of the minutes. There was a computer glitch and the first page could not be found. The IT Department tried to retrieve it. She reported that the minutes were mailed on the previous Friday.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jimmy Holsomback gave the financial report for February 20<sup>th</sup>. On the revenue side, we received \$838,404 of ad Valorem in February, \$3,768,263 year to date; \$22,735 of State Aid; \$33,000 of Huie-Dellmon aid \$53,608 of ERATE income were also recorded in February.

Under other operating expenses, the major items in February, were principal and interest on our construction and interest on \$3,755,696. Maintenance fees paid to Innovative Interface in the amount \$47,800 and \$20,040 for books and materials. All other operating expenses were on track. Linda McMahon made the motion to accept the report; Diane seconded. The Motion passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Steve reported that a burglar broke into the Fuhrer building only to find it empty. We've had no luck in selling that property. Rogge reported that the King Branch's roof has been repaired. The Facilities Department has been working on the Main Library's roof. Bob Orris reported that in some places he could only find Styrofoam. Today, March 16<sup>th</sup>, is Laura-Ellen's birthday. Everybody wished her happy birthday.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR for DIRECT SERVICES:**

Laura-Ellen Ayres reported that many of our branches are hosting the U.S. Census Bureau as they train the census takers. Laura-Ellen said that the staffs of Westside Regional Library and Boyce Branch are working to form Friends of the Rapides Library groups for their libraries. She reported that as they were repairing King's roof, they discovered more damage. We decided to go ahead and take \$5,000.00 from the contingency budget to complete the repair of the roof.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR for OUTREACH SERVICES:**

Kelly Kingrey-Edwards reported that LEH (Louisiana Endowment of the Humanities) won't be funding the adult RELIC programs. She asked the Friends of the Library for money to help and will also be applying for grants. Kelly reported that she and Red Carpet Manager Londa Price are reviewing an extended re-organization of our Red Carpet in response to patrons' requests and the changing circumstances of the elderly and home-bound populations in our local communities.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

Janie Primeaux said that all branches now have wireless for our customers to use. She has ordered the hardware for installing a self check-out station at Gunter and Hineston. Classes remain very popular and Trina Kirk has begun to offer classes on "How to Upload your Digital Pictures." Janie, Bill, John, and Chester attended the "I Love Technology" workshop in Lafayette.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Beverlee Lueder recommended that the Board ratify Jennifer Earnest-King, as she has completed her six-month employment. Glenn Rechs moved and Ann Heath seconded the motion, and it passed. There was a long discussion about Steve's evaluation. It was decided that we do this pretty much as it was done in his 2009 evaluation. Bev will handle this for the Board.

**REFERENCE DEPARTMENT:**

Faith Johnson told the Board that the Main Library will have the second "Tween Mystery Party!" on March 26, 2010.

**YOUTH SERVICES:**

Tammy DiBartolo reported that they were averaging 40 participants at the third week of our "Prime Time Family Reading Time." The program is for "at-risk" families. Karla Kirby and Tammy DiBartolo were asked to step in and replace Dr. Joy Lowe in doing a presentation at the Louisiana Library Association conference, last week. Youth Services staff have been planning adult activities, too. RPL sponsored the first "Estate Planning 101" workshop. A local attorney gave information on wills, trusts, nursing homes and probate. Another one is being planned.

There will be a “Financial Aid” workshop for parents of high school students who are headed to college.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Last month the City of Alexandria asked if we would support the city’s plan for an adjudication of vacated property. After discussion, Glenn moved and Alice seconded a motion to approve the plan. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at the Huie-Dellmon House. Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rogge  
Secretary

Susie Smith  
President