

**RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY
BOARD OF CONTROL
MINUTES
February 23, 2010**

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

Board members present were: Mrs. Susie Smith, Mrs. Alice Story, Mr. Glenn Rechs, Miss Lee Moore, Mrs. Diane Lawton, Mr. Eddy Boddie, and Mrs. Ann Heath. Absent was Mrs. Linda McMahon.

The members of the Board passed a card for former member JoAnn Hawkins who was on the Board of Control and is very ill. Glenn made the motion and Alice seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Library Director Steve Rogge asked that Mr. Bob Bussey speak before the Board meeting continued. Mr. Bussey represented the City of Alexandria and the Police Jury concerning adjudicated properties. The City and Jury are interested in buying low-income housing, do the necessary repairs, and sell them. The parish would receive taxes from home owners. The Sheriff's office decides how to distribute the money. Mr. Bussey asked the Board to consider the latest revision of the Local Services Agreement. He left after his presentation. The Board discussed the proposition. After discussion, the Board decided to discuss this topic at next month's meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Glenn and seconded by Eddy.

FINANCE REPORT

Business Manager Jimmy Holsomback reported that we have begun to receive money from the Parish taxes. There's nothing out of the ordinary. He reported Cindy Martinez, local manager of Logan Farms, will be the manager of the coffee shop at the Westside Regional Library. She has plenty of experience and ideas to make this a successful addition to the Library.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve reported that in their packet they would find the 2009 Annual Report. Sue Lee worked very hard to compile the report before this meeting and before her retirement. Steve told the Board he was hoping to repair the roof at Main Library with the monies we would receive from selling the Fuhrer Branch. The latest buyer backed out of the deal. Therefore, our Facilities

Manager Bob Orris and his staff will repair as much as possible. We need to repair the roof and flashing at King Branch. The Louisiana Library Conference will take place on March 11th and 12th in Baton Rouge. Steve noted that we are looking for a replacement for Mrs. Sue Vanderlick. Jimmy is scheduled to have shoulder surgery. Steve reported that Laura-Ellen Ayres is very ill but on the road to recovery.

IT DEPARTMENT

No report.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DIRECT OF DIRECT SERVICES

No Report.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH

Kelly Kingrey-Edwards, Assistant Director of Outreach reported that we had a wonderful turnout for the Black History Month program with Sylvia Davis and Rosa Metoyer. A reception was held after the entertainment.

FRIENDS OF THE RAPIDES LIBRARY

Sharin McMonagle reported that the McDonald Branch in Glenmora will have their annual Book and Bake Sale on March 15, 2010.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting day will be March 16, 2010 at the Huie-Dellmon House.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Smith,

President

Steve Rogge

Secretary