

Allen Parish Libraries

2024 February 22 Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Linda Thompson called the regular meeting of the Allen Parish Libraries Board of Control to order at 10:01am on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Mrs. Thompson welcomed everyone. Board members present, in addition to Linda Thompson, were Fran Pestello-Jordan, Sherry Germany, Martha Rider and Agnes Guillory, Director. The board did have a quorum.

Members Not Present:

1. Emily Earl, board member(Have not been introduced to the board at this time)
2. Tony Hebert, ex-officio member

Guest Present from the Public:

none

Changes Made to The Present Agenda:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Board election 2024 as follows: Linda Thompson, President, Sherry Germany, Vice President, Fran Pestello-Jordan, Treasurer, Martha Rider, Assistant Treasurer, and Emily Earl, member.

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to re-instate each board member to their same position as held in the year of 2023; Sherry Germany seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2023 board meeting as presented. Sherry Germany seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Banking Information

Allen Parish Libraries financial accounts are in great shape.

The Board received a copy of the trial balance and the profit & loss to review the actual to budget comparison.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Agnes Guillory, Director gave updates on:

- Audit started the last week of January
- Deanna is our newly promoted business manager
- Staff is gearing up for the community easter egg hunt and the summer reading program.
- PLA conference first week of April in Columbus Ohio, attendees are Gail, Marci, Agnes, and Mike.
- Chalanda, Ashley, Nikey and Kenneth are being compensated temporarily for the extra duties that they have acquired.
- Kenneth is interested in the cataloging/programming assistant position at headquarters, which will make the assistant branch managers position open at the Oakdale branch.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Fran Pestello-Jordan expressed:

- how she is impressed with the improvement of our programs, facebook page and ways that the information is reaching the public; Sherry added the staff is so kind, sweet and always willing to help our patrons.

Sherry Germany and Martha Rider concern(s):

- is to the pursue getting the proof of the ownership of the Oberlin and Oakdale branches and to make it priority.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Linda Thompson reported:

- The next board meeting will be April 18, 2024 in the Oberlin Branch meeting room at 10:00am.
- An update: Jacob Delhay explained that in spite of the fact that the Allen Parish Police Jury at present is the owner of both Oberlin and Oakdale branches, it is not necessary for the Libraries Board of Control to ask permission to move forward seeking to have both libraries donated to them.

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Sherry Germany seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Agnes Guillory

Approved by: _____
Linda Thompson, President