

Allen Parish Libraries

2023 February 16 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 10:05am on Thursday, February 16, 2023. Mrs. Thompson welcomed everyone. Board members present, in addition to Linda Thompson, were Fran Pestello-Jordan, Sherry Germany, Martha Rider and Agnes Guillory, Director. Tony Hebert, ex-officio member was present by phone call. The board did have a quorum.

There were no changes to the present agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Board election 2023 as follows: Linda Thompson, President, Sherry Germany, Vice President, Fran Pestello-Jordan, Treasurer, and Martha Rider, Assistant Treasurer.

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to re-instate each board member to their same position as held in the year of 2022; Sherry Germany and Martha Rider both seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2022 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 receives 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:

- New Hire: Nikey Cole for headquarters as the APL Floater, will as cross train in programming and business office after completing the 6-month probation.
- Staff is gearing up for the community easter egg hunt and the summer reading program.
- The Children's Café is now update to a sit in or a carry out.
- The library is adding a gardening book to the shelves in memory of Margaret Ann Orsborne, a retired board member.
- After updating the board on Mr. David Hampton resigning and with Cindy Schnexeider accepting custodian duties at the Oakdale branch while continuing her custodian duties at the Kinder branch; Fran Pestello-Jordan motioned to hire Cindy full time if need arises; Martha Rider Seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mike reported the Kinder Mayor looked at the windows at the kinder branch on February 14th; we have not heard back from Mayor LaFargue on any findings / decisions.
- Mike reported that he is vehicle (van) shopping / getting a van built will possibly take six months plus, but will keep us updated.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Fran Pestello-Jordan spoke about keeping the bookmobile more assessable to all school and patrons in the rural areas.

Martha Rider had concerns about the value of the land in Kinder; she also made a motion to table the decision making on purchasing the property from the Town of Kinder for the Allen Parish Libraries; Sherry Germany seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherry Germany loved the February display (blind date with a book) that was located at the Oberlin branch library.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Linda Thompson reported:

- The next board meeting will be April 20, 2023 in the Kinder Branch meeting room at 10:00am.
- An update on speaking with Louis at the Allen Parish Tax Assessor office to get information on the Kinder property.
- Followed up with the LSU-Ag center to request a kit to get the soil tested from the Kinder property; after receiving the kit, she brought it to Mike Guillory, APL maintenance/security supervisor to get the soil tested.
- On a discussing with Tony Hebert, Police Juror President, about Marlene LaComb wanting to volunteer to join the library board.

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Martha Rider seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Agnes Guillory

Approved by: _____
Linda Thompson, President