**Allen Parish Libraries**

**2024 August 15 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 10:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Mrs. Thompson welcomed everyone. Board members present, in addition to Linda Thompson, were Fran Pestello-Jordan, Martha Rider, Sherry Germany, and Agnes Guillory, Director.

**Members Not Present**

Emily Earl, Board Member

Tony Hebert, ex-officio member.

The board did have a quorum.

**Guest Present from The Public**

*None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Kenneth Miller and Chalanda Wilson presented an update on the 2024 staff goals. The list of the goals are:**

**To increase circulation, maintain and increase the number of patrons library cards, provide online summer reading program platform via beanstack in addition to current methods, to implement two reading programs and challenges in addition to our annual summer reading program.**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Fran Pestello-Jordan made the motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2024 board meeting as presented. Sherry Germany seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Banking Information

Deanne Jackson, APL Business Manager, gave an update on all of the Allen Parish Libraries financial accounts; she stated they are in good shape.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

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

Agnes Guillory updated the Board on:

* Programming: Summer Reading program ended successfully
* Fall Reading program has started
* Beanstack is getting really popular
* Fall Fest Around the Park: October 31, 2024, Oberlin City Park
* Take one, leave one grocery, patrons are using this faithfully
* The pavilions for the Oberlin and Oakdale branches are in process
* The first week of July we received the new van

**BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSIONS, CONCERNS AND REPORTS**

* Fran Pestello-Jordan praised the program brochures, and getting the information out for all programs
* Martha Rider spoken highly about the new planted flowers in front of the Kinder Branch
* Sherry Germany also spoke about the brochures and the TOPS & FAFSA seminar that was hosted by APL..

PRESIDENT REPORT

**Linda Thompson**

Gave an update on the issues with the Kinder Branch

* After the discussion of the issues with the Kinder Branch and the library maintenance tax; Fran Pestello-Jordan made a motion to purchase the Kinder Branch; the motion failed due to no second. Following the failed motion, the board unanimously voted NO on purchasing the building.
* The Board made suggestions to begin looking into purchasing property and or purchase another building to get from under the Town of Kinder because they will not agree to sign a new cooperative agreement and nor will they repair the building.
* **Next board meeting October 24, 2024, at 10:00AM, Kinder Branch.**

**Sherry Germany made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Martha Rider seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agnes Guillory, Secretary

**Approved by:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­\_\_

**Linda Thompson, President**