

Beauregard Parish Library
Board of Control Minutes May 3, 2017

The Library's Board of Control met at 205 S. Washington St. on the May 3, 2017 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Pat Andrews, Jo Blankenship, Tranquil Crosby, Molly Poe, Merle Stout (honorary), Erin Chesnutt, and Angela Lannen, presiding. Absent were Janet Pitre, Elizabeth Brasseaux, and Rusty Williams, ex officio. Lannen called the meeting to order at 4:38.

On motion of Andrews with second by Blankenship and unanimously approved, the agenda was amended to include "Discussion of requests from City Archive," and "Renewal of Elizabeth Brasseaux to the Board." With no members of the public present for participation or comment, the Board moved to the next agenda item. Having previously read the minutes from our February 2017 meeting, Blankenship moved to accept the minutes as presented; Poe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Celise Reech-Harper, Associate Director for Direct Services, presented the Board with a proposal to waive the regularly scheduled All Staff Training days in Spring and Fall 2018 and instead allow interested staff members the opportunity to attend a national, professional conference in June 2018 since the conference's nearby location offers a rare opportunity for professional development. Staff who do not attend the conference will be required to complete alternate professional development activities. The motion passed unanimously on motion of Blankenship with second by Crosby.

Chesnutt then submitted a request to the Board that mandatory dues for civic and educational clubs joined at the Board's behest be paid by the Library. Poe put forth a motion to approve this request, Andrews seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

The Board then reviewed survey results regarding the needs and wants for our upcoming East Beauregard branch and added a few thoughts as to how they want patrons to feel or experience upon first entering the new branch to drive building design ideas. The board opted not to create a committee for the creation of the a Building Program document and, instead, requested the Director utilize their input, survey results, and input from staff and East Beau residents to create a first draft of the document and present it to the Board.

Chesnutt then informed the Board of a new City of DeRidder project for the creation of a City Archive with information about historic people, places, and events from DeRidder and Beauregard Parish. After reviewing the City's request for assistance, the Board authorized the Library to offer assistance in researching and/or applying for grants to provide or supplement City financial support, and provide Archive volunteers and staff with training on indexing and cataloging (motion by Andrews; second by Blankenship; unanimous approval).

Blankenship moved to request the Police Jury re-appoint Elizabeth Brasseaux for another term on the Library Board of Control. Poe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board then reviewed and discussed financial, statistical, marketing, and personnel updates. Chesnutt reminded the Board of an upcoming deadline to turn in their annual Personal Financial Disclosure forms and of a current movement in the national library community to garner support from U.S. Senators for LSTA and IAL funding for next year. With no further business, Blankenship motioned to adjourn; Crosby seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin N Chesnutt
Secretary to the Board