

St. Tammany Parish Library  
Board of Control Meeting  
July 26, 2016  
6:30 p.m.  
Slidell Branch Library  
555 Robert Blvd.  
Slidell, LA

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Argiro Morgan, President. Director Donald Westmoreland called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Present: Dr. Argiro Morgan, John Danjean, Silvia Muller, Mary Reneau, Becky Taylor

Absent: Bill Allin, Barbara Morgan

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Library Board of Control which was held on May 24, 2016

The minutes of this meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by J. Danjean and seconded by M. Reneau.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Financial Reports

Westmoreland reported that slightly under \$9,000,000.00 has been received to date which is under the budgeted amount of \$9,500,000.00. The State Revenue Sharing payments total \$157,998.84 with 2 payments received so far. He referred the Board members to the recap of revenue and expenses for the period ending June 30, 2016 and noted that revenue received was 49.62% and expenses total 47.60%. Dr. Morgan asked about the line for Worker's Compensation which totaled 79.90%. Kelly said she will amend the budget for this line after adding new employees at the South Slidell Branch. There was discussion about the line item for Polaris Maintenance (97.97%) and Financial (88.79%) and Telephones & Telephone Systems (100.00). Westmoreland reported that \$500,000.00 was budgeted for South Slidell and expenses to date totaled \$338,823.89 and we were still under budget. Following this discussion, a motion was made by J. Danjean and seconded by S. Muller to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried.

- B. Director's Report

Westmoreland reviewed the written report dated July 26, 2016 which included updates on facilities, attendance at the Friends of the Library meetings and Foundation meetings, marketing and outreach, personnel changes, professional involvement and programming. Highlights included the hiring of SandraRosa Bryant as the new teen librarian on the east side of the parish and a brief report on the success of all three Summer Reading Challenges.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on South Slidell Branch

Westmoreland noted that carpeting, doors and windows were installed and he expected to take possession of the building on August 1. He said it would take about three weeks to have books and materials moved in and computers set up and ready to go. A soft opening would be held on August 22, 2016. The ribbon cutting will be held on Tuesday, September 20 and the Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, September 24. B. Dr. Morgan, B. Morgan and B. Taylor reported that they had visited the new branch and were pleased with the whole atmosphere. They thanked B. Geiger and K. LaRocca for doing such a nice job in planning the branch.

B. Capital Projects

Westmoreland reported that this was covered earlier in the meeting. He said we have informed the Parish that we want to purchase the South Slidell building and their legal department has started the process. He talked briefly about renovations on the Covington Branch building and the logistics of moving out of the building while this work is being done.

C. Leah Chase Event Presentation

Benny Bruce made a brief power point presentation of this event which included pictures of Mrs. Chase and other guests attending and noted that it was a very successful event.

D. STPL Foundation Update

Ann Shaw, Foundation President, addressed the LBOC. She described the very successful event for the dedication of the Walker Percy Serenity Circle and statue with an attendance of about 100 people. She discussed upcoming fund raising events for the benefit of the Foundation and plans for a Distinguished Speaker Event to be held on April 27, 2017 with Dr. Howard Nichols as the speaker. They are still seeking sponsorships and the sale of the pavers is an ongoing project. Mrs. Shaw said the Foundation approved a donation for the purchase of audio-visual equipment for the South Slidell Branch.

4. Friends of the Library Reports

Sandy Crosby, Vice-President, distributed copies of their March, 2016 newsletter, Tidings and noted this is their 40<sup>th</sup>. year. She outlined a few of the many donations which they have made to various branches.

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5. Public Comment

Mr. Steve Suggs addressed the Library Board and described an incident at the Slidell Branch. He said he was awaiting a response from the Library Administration. Dr. Morgan told Mr. Suggs that the Board would discuss this matter with Administration and all involved and give him a written response.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by J. Danjean and seconded by M. Reneau to adjourn. The motion carried.

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Mary Reneau, Secretary