

St. Tammany Parish Library
Board of Control Special Meeting
July 14, 2020
Library Administrative Office
1112 W. 21st Ave.
Covington, LA 70433
Zoom meeting streaming on Facebook Live
1:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Becky Taylor, President. Kelly LaRocca, Director, called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Present: John Danjean, Dr. Argiro Morgan, Mary Reneau, Ann Shaw, Becky Taylor
Absent: Bill Allin, Carmen Butler

1. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval to Request Reimbursement Funds through the CARES Act under St. Tammany Parish Government

Kelly LaRocca stated that public comment can be submitted through Facebook Live or by phone at 985-871-1219 extension 2007.

K. LaRocca stated that the library is eligible to apply for reimbursement through the CARES Act under St. Tammany Parish Government. B. Geiger explained that the State of Louisiana received \$1,800,000,000 in CARES Act funds. The CARES Act allows the state to give up to 45% to local governments. A total of \$810,000,000 is split between all 64 parishes. The library is allowed to ask for reimbursement for expenses that were not budgeted for and were needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The library is asking for reimbursement for items such as thermometers, rubber gloves, masks, alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, and sneeze shields.

K. LaRocca explained that there are four claim periods of expenses that are eligible for reimbursement. We are currently applying for reimbursement of \$17,989.62 in expenses incurred during the period of March through June 30th. We have gathered and compiled the receipts, canceled checks, and all of the necessary paperwork for submission.

One of the required documents is called the Federal Funding Certification and Agreement to Hold Harmless and Indemnify. It states that we would have to return the funds if the items are later found not eligible for reimbursement. K. LaRocca explained that it is similar to the agreements we have previously had to sign when receiving FEMA funds. She stated that a resolution by the Library Board of Control needs to be adopted and submitted along with the agreement in order for her to have the authority to request these funds on behalf of the library. The resolution will enable the library to apply for future reimbursement of expenses in the upcoming claim periods throughout the rest of this year.

B. Taylor asked for questions from the board. She then read the resolution aloud. She asked for a two-minute public comment period.

B. McHugh asked Kelly if she knows when the library will find out if they will be granted reimbursement. K. LaRocca explained that she does not know how long it will take but will ask the Parish for information. B. Geiger said that the first round of submissions was processed and checks were sent. B. McHugh asked if this is the second opportunity to apply. K. LaRocca explained that the first period covered March through mid-April. The second period covered March through June 30th to allow entities to apply who were not able to submit their paperwork before the first deadline.

The resolution was moved for adoption by A. Shaw and was seconded by J. Danjean. Five were in favor, two were absent, and none opposed. The resolution was adopted.

2. Public Comment

There was no further public comment.

3. Adjournment

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


Mary Reneau, Secretary