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## AGENDA

### **PARISH-WIDE COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY** CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS TANNER, ROLLING, CAUZABON AND CORBIN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

1. Presentations by Interested Parties (a coin toss will be used to determine who goes first) - The **St. Tammany Library Accountability Project** and the **St. Tammany Library Alliance** have each been invited to make a presentation discussing their respective concerns regarding the Policies, Procedures and Practices (P3) currently in place at the library. The presentation should focus on any perceived gaps or inadequacies in the library's P3, especially if such items are deemed to be inconsistent with current law. Each presentation should also identify any specific concerns the group has regarding the library's P3 and, where possible, include specific recommendations regarding how the P3 could/should be modified to address such concerns. Each group will be given 15 minutes to make their presentation. At the conclusion of each presentation, the Parish Council members will be given 15 minutes to ask questions of each presenter (i.e., each group will make a 15-minute presentation; an additional 15 minutes will be allotted after each presentation for questions from the council members).
2. St. Tammany Parish Library (Ms. Kelly LaRocca) – The **St. Tammany Parish Library** has been invited to give a presentation reviewing the timeline of activities undertaken by the library over the last ~2.5 years with a particular focus on the Policy, Procedure and Practice (P3) changes the library has implemented in response to community concerns raised about materials available in the library. The review should include P3 changes completed, as well as those still in work, including their current status in regard to compliance with State law. Items of potential interest to the community might include: 1) the library card system; 2) the library's relationship with the American Library Association (ALA); 3) acquisition policy used to purchase new materials for the different collections in the library (i.e., children/juvenile, young adult, etc.); 4) the card numbering system used to organize the books in the library; 5) the rules regarding the use of library meeting rooms by community organizations; and, 5) any other items the library feels would be important for the community to know. The presentation should also include a discussion of any 'lessons learned' as the library has worked to implement specific operational changes in response to community concerns. The library will be given 45 minutes to make their presentation. At the conclusion of the library's presentation, the Parish Council members will be given 45 minutes to ask questions of the presenter (i.e., library will make a 45-minute presentation; an additional 45 minutes will be allotted after the presentation for questions from the council members).

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**Rules of Engagement:**

- **Given that no votes will be taken as part of this community meeting, the agenda does not include time for public comment.**
- **The order of the first two presentations will be determined via coin toss.**
- **The Parish Council members be given the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation.**
- **All attendees are expected to be respectful of and professional toward the presenters; appropriate decorum will be maintained throughout the meeting.**
- **The stream link for the meeting is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFJD62Agvtc>**

*It is possible that a quorum of the St. Tammany Parish Council may be in attendance at the meeting. Councilmembers present may be receiving information on matters under the Council's jurisdiction, supervision or control, but no action of the Council as a whole will be taken. The Community Meeting is solely an informational meeting. Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:14(D), public comment will not be allowed as there will be no vote taken on any agenda item.*