

MINUTES OF THE ACADIA PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

DATE: November 8, 2021
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
PLACE: Crowley Library

ROLL CALL:

Board Members:

Mr. William B. Pinac, President - Present
Mrs. Alyssa Dogay, Vice President - Present
Mrs. Judia LaCombe - Observer
Mrs. Cynthia Dominick - Observer
Mrs. Sandra Henry - Present
Mrs. Cynthia Oliver – Present
Mrs. Penny Duplechain Chavis - Present
Mr. Gordan Ray Morgan, Ex-Officio – Absent

Library Staff:

Mrs. Christine Daigle, Director
Mrs. Lacey Webster, Assistant Director

Others Present:

Mr. Glen E. Howie, Attorney

With a quorum present, Mr. Pinac called the meeting to order.

AGENDA REV: There were no amendments to the agenda

MINUTES: **MOTION:** Mrs. Henry; **SECOND:** Mrs. Dogay
“That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 28, 2021, and that they be approved as presented by the Library Director.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT: **MOTION:** Mrs. Chavis; **SECOND:** Mrs. Dogay
“That we accept the financial report as presented by the Library Director.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

BUSINESS: Two board members, Mrs. Cynthia Dominick and Mrs. Judia LaCombe, were up for re-appointment as their terms expired on November 1, 2021. The Library Board was asked to allow the Acadia Parish Police Jury to adopt a resolution for their re-appointment.

MOTION: Mrs. Henry; **SECOND:** Mrs. Chavis
“That the Acadia Parish Library Board of Control allow the Acadia Parish Police Jury to adopt a resolution in support of the re-appointment of board members Cynthia Dominick and Judia LaCombe.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mrs. Daigle explained that during the Rayne Library Renovation, it was discovered that the library building had no ground wire and needed to be completely rewired in order to bring the building up to code. In order to do this, a change order had been requested by R.S. Bernard.

MOTION: Mrs. Oliver; **SECOND:** Mrs. Dogay
“That the Acadia Parish Library accepts Change Order #1 to the Rayne Library Renovation Project in the amount of \$60,139.39 as submitted by R.S. Bernard.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mrs. Daigle reminded the Library Board that a couple of years ago, the Crowley Library had upgraded its security camera system with Drone Technologies, LLC so that the system would be compatible with the updated computers. She explained that the library was satisfied with the cameras and the services from the company. She requested that the remaining library branches be upgraded as well and presented an estimated cost for equipment and labor from Drone Technologies, LLC.

MOTION: Mrs. Chavis; **SECOND:** Mrs. Henry
“That we approve the estimated costs from Drone Technologies, LLC of \$7,160.00 for the equipment upgrade and labor for the Rayne, Church Point, Iota, Morse, Mermentau, and Estherwood branch libraries.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mrs. Daigle informed the Library Board that the Crowley Library has begun to experience an increase in homeless patrons since July 2021, which has contributed to an increase in problematic patrons and violence in or outside of the library. She gave a few examples of recent incidents and explained that these have caused staff and patrons to feel unsafe at the library. With that being said, she requested that the board consider quotes received from two different security guard companies in order to obtain security guard services for the Crowley Library. The Library Board discussed the topic and requested that the item be tabled until the next board meeting with the request that the Library Director present them with additional information to aid in their decision.

MOTION: Mrs. Henry; **SECOND:** Mrs. Dogay
“That the discussion to consider security guard quotes for the Crowley Library be tabled until the next library board meeting pending additional information.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Next, Mrs. Daigle asked for the Library Board to consider library closures for the annual staff meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Oliver; **SECOND:** Mrs. Dogay
“That we approve the closure of all libraries from 8:00am to 1:30pm on Tuesday, December 7 for staff development.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mrs. Daigle presented the Library Board with a list of proposed holidays for 2022.

MOTION: Mrs. Dogay; **SECOND:** Mrs. Oliver
“That we adopt the proposed holidays for 2022 as presented by the Library Director.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mrs. Daigle asked that the Library Board consider the next library board meeting take place on Monday, December 6, 2021.

DIRECTOR'S

COMMENTS: Mrs. Daigle informed the Library Board that the Acadia Parish Library would begin charging fines, copies, and faxes again and would open the meeting room back up to the public effective January 1, 2022

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Mr. King shared his concerns on the topic of hiring a security guard and his grievances unrelated to the agenda.

ADJOURN: **MOTION:** Mrs. Oliver; **SECOND:** Mrs. Henry
“That we adjourn (4:43 PM).”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Approved by Library Board on December 6, 2021