

Ascension Parish Library
Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Control
Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 4:00 PM, Galvez

- The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.
- In attendance were Lisa Bacala, Teri Casso, Lauthaught Delaney, Sr., Charles “Jay” Lemann, Jr., R. Ryland Percy, III, Henry J. Schexnayder, III, Sandra Scallan, Donna Whittington, Angelle Deshautelles, Larie Myers, John Stelly, and Joyce Sigler.
- Members of the public were also in attendance.
- **On motion by Sandy Scallan, seconded by Charles “Jay” Lemann, Jr., the minutes for the July 31, 2019 meeting were approved.**
- **On motion by Lisa Bacala, seconded by Sandy Scallan, the public comment period was opened.** Mr. Paul Kyle addressed the Library Board about his concerns about the drainage at the Galvez location and how it impedes the property he owns and is attempting to sell behind the library. His concerns are some that the library itself has expressed and has been told that once Hwy 42 is completed the drainage issues will have been addressed. The library board informed him that any updates to the information would be forwarded on to his attention. **On motion by Lauthaught Delaney, Sr., seconded by Sandy Scallan, the public comment period was closed.**
- Ms. Kiana Lomas addressed the Library Board about next year’s 2020 census. She is seeking the use of library computers being available for the public to complete the census form on line. The Library Board assured her that the library computers would be available to the public for such tasks.
- The community coordinator report was given at this time. Contents of the report were reviewed and discussed. The Library Board were complimentary of the public program recently aired on the parish’s channel 21.
- Deshautelles informed the Library Board that Ms. Donna Whittington has been reappointed to the Library Board.
- The library director’s report was given at this time. Several items from the report were discussed. **On motion by Sandy Scallan, seconded by Charles “Jay” Lemann, Jr., the Board approved that the policy referring to food and drink in the library be adjusted and brought back to the Board.**
- **On motion by Teri Casso, seconded by Sandy Scallan, the Board approved that the library pursue adding “square” credit card use for patron payments.**
- **On motion by R. Ryland Percy, III, seconded by Sandy Scallan, the board approved a joint meeting of the finance and personnel committees to discuss various upcoming items.**

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➤ New business:

The Chairman's report included an overview from Jacob Waguespack, of Faulk and Winkler, concerning current contracts for the library. Nine contracts were reviewed. The janitorial contract will wait till the end of the year for bid. **On motion by R. Ryland Percy, III, seconded by Lisa Bacala, the purchasing policy will be amended to reflect that state contract pricing will be accepted in lieu of bidding due to the state contract traditionally providing lowest prices.**

- The building program is complete as to current projects and future projects are on hold until the needs assessment is complete.
- Building and grounds were discussed: concern was mentioned about a tree near Gonzales that is in the adjacent park –Deshautelles was asked to look into it; Deshautelles was asked to seek quotes on getting the trees assessed on all properties.
- **On motion by R. Ryland Percy, III, seconded by Donna Whittington, the meeting was adjourned.**

Angelle Deshautelles, Secretary

Henry J. Schexnayder, III, Chairman