

Ascension Parish Library
Regular Meeting of the Board of Control
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 - 4:00 PM
Ascension Parish Library - Gonzales

In attendance:

Lisa Bacala - Vice Chairman
Lauthaught Delaney, Sr.
Charles “Jay” Lemann
R. Ryland Percy, III.
Sandra Scallan
Henry J. Schexnayder, III. - Chairman
Donna Whittington

Larie Myers - Associate Director
Jennifer Patterson - Director
John Stelly - Assistant Director

Others in attendance:

Christopher Achee - Gonzales Librarian
Carrie Goodall - Dutchtown Librarian
Dionne Laborde - Donaldsonville Librarian
Stephanie Mayeux - Galvez Librarian
Shelly Miller - Youth Services Librarian
Jacob D. Waguespack - Faulk & Winkler
Troy Blank - Friends of the Ascension Public Library
Bridget Boudreaux - Friends of the Ascension Public Library

Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Schexnayder at 4:03 PM
Adoption of Minutes	Motion by Whittington to adopt minutes from the May 27, 2020 meeting. Second by Delaney. Motion passed.
Public Comment Period	Motion by Scallan to open public comment period. Second by Percy. Motion passed. Motion by Delaney to close. Second by Bacala. Motion passed.
Review of Audit	Review provided by Waguespack.

Community Coordinator Report

Report given by Patterson.

Director's Report

Report given by Patterson.

Unfinished Business

Additional Bond Payment

Percy moved that the budget be amended to allocate \$1,000,000.00 for an early payment on the bond if the funds were not already approved. Second by Bacala. Motion passed.

Refinancing Bonds

The Finance Committee explored the option of refinancing the current bonds. Refinancing would prohibit the library from making early payments on the bonds. If the library makes early payments on the bonds, the savings provided by refinancing are reduced.

Honoring Angelle Deshautelles

Patterson recommended that a local history/genealogy room be created in the St. Amant branch named for Deshautelles. Motion by Lemann to name the library's genealogy/local history collection for Deshautelles. Second by Percy. Motion passed.

Election Update

Friends of the Ascension Public Library will create yard signs and a mailing campaign promoting the millage election. Current budget allows mailing to the 70737 and 70769 zip codes.

New Business

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

Motion to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire by Percy. Second by Delaney. Motion passed.

Automatic Draft Payments

Finance Committee decided to close a previous account which provided for automatic draft payments.

Motion by Whittington for the library to use automatic draft payments for payroll and any vendors who will accept. Second by Scallan. Motion passed.

Drainage

Schexnayder spoke to parish officials who showed how current drainage is working as intended behind the Galvez building. The parish will consider digging additional ditches if necessary.

Education/Friends of the Library

Bacala recommended communicating with the school board what is available through the library to assist in distance learning, or potential duplication in resources.

Board Chairman's Report

Schexnayder contacted SSA about dissatisfaction with the work provided for the library's election efforts. SSA is expected to contact Patterson.

Building Program

Proposal from Crump Wilson Architects presented by Patterson. Motion by Percy to accept the proposal by Crump Wilson Architects, and that information from E&F be used to inform budgeting and long term planning. Second by Scallan. Motion passed.

Building and Grounds

Work continues to fix leaks in the Gonzales roof.
Administration is meeting with a designer to replace the carpet in Donaldsonville the first week of July.
Delaney asked that the grounds in Donaldsonville be tended to.

Motion to adjourn by Delaney. Second by Percy. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.