

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING**

**East Bank Regional Library  
Administration Conference Room  
4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana 70001**

**October 18, 2016  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Conescu at 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lisa Conescu, Patricia Cox, Rev. Akkheem Dunham, Becky Knight, Judy Mills, Margaret Thompson, and Rita Tonglet

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT:** Marylyn Haddican, Irene Lunkin, Verdie Richburg, and Antoinette Scott

**OTHER PARISH STAFF:** Emily French, Assistant Parish Attorney

Mills/Knight made a motion to dispense with the reading of the September minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried.

Lisa asked Judy and Patricia to serve as the nominating committee to nominate officers for 2017.

No citizens attended the public hearing to comment on the Library's proposal to re-implement fees for non-residents of Jefferson Parish for the Guest Card (\$25 for 6 months) and the Computer Card (\$2 – good for 24 hours). A resolution will be prepared to ask the Council to accept the fees to be re-implemented effective January 4, 2017.

Director's Report:

- At the request of the Parish President, the Library held an All Staff Day event for staff on October 10. Staff from the Parish Administration was in attendance and presented a millage presentation to the staff. Sally-Ann Roberts, the guest speaker for the event, gave a positive speech and spoke about how libraries have contributed to people close to her success. Presentations on the Parish's retirement system and the Newsbank database were presented to staff. To wrap up the event, Marylyn acknowledged staff with 5-35 years of service.
- Rosedale library closed October 11 for staff to start packing and removing equipment. Sherlock's Construction started the renovation project October 17. It was brought up during one of the project meetings that Rosedale is a polling place and cannot close for the two upcoming elections. The contractor will be given additional days to complete the project for having to hold off on the renovations during the election dates.
- Pilings are currently being installed on the River Ridge Library site.

Lisa and other board members reported they received phone calls from Sabrina Wilson asking if they thought the current situation with the Parish President would affect the millage. The board did not take a stand on the situation with the Parish President and agreed they would refer anyone

asking to the Jefferson Parish Public Information Office. Lisa felt it was important for the Library Board to vote on a stated position of support for the millage.

Mills/Thompson moved that the Library Board support the Library's millage renewal that will be on the December 2016 ballot as the renewal is essential to the ongoing operations of the Library. Motion carried. All in favor.

7 - Yeas

0 - Nays

Lisa reported the Friends grossed \$60,557.19 from the book sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.