

JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

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

May 16, 2017
MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Cox, Becky Knight, Judy Mills, Margaret Thompson, and Rita Tonglet

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Conescu and Rev. Akkheem Dunham

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

OTHER PARISH STAFF: Emily French, Assistant Parish Attorney

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

Director's Report:

- The Library's millage renewal passed with 72% of voters voting. Marylyn thanked the Library Board and the Friends for their support. She also mentioned she appreciates the staff for all they do for the public.
- The Jefferson Parish School Board passed, at their last meeting, the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Jefferson Parish Library to obtain a portion of Riverdale High School's property to create additional parking spaces at Rosedale Library. The agreement will be routed for signatures. The Library will be responsible for removing and reinstalling a baseball fence.
- Construction of River Ridge Library is moving forward. The steel framing is up and in about another week, the building's side walls will start to go up. In addition, the West Bank Regional Library expansion project will include an archives room. The drawings for the Terrytown Library meeting room addition is near completion. The next step will be to go the GAB and then put the project out for bid. The architect is close to finishing the renovation plans for Old Metairie Library.
- The North Kenner Library has been experiencing power outages when weather conditions are not a factor. We currently have a fuel operating generator at Grand Isle Library and at East Bank Regional Library for certain areas of the library. We are planning to purchase natural gas generators for East Bank Regional, West Bank Regional, and North Kenner libraries. We added to the River Ridge Library construction plans to include a natural gas operating generator.

Mills/Thompson made a motion thanking the Library Director and staff for all of their hard work to pass the millage renewal election. Motion carried. All in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.