

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

East Bank Regional Library – Administration Conference Room
4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001

**July 19, 2022
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Conescu, Patricia Cox, Charles Gaudin, Becky Knight and Judy Mills

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Simmons and Margaret Thompson

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Irene Lunkin, Melissa Muhoberac and Antoinette Scott

OTHER PARISH STAFF: Megan Grantham, Parish Attorney for Library

GUEST: Chris Smith

Becky called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Avondale Library construction project will go out for bid soon. The new library will be within walking distance for the community. The library's collection will be small and will include computers and technology.
- The elevator and roof at the Grand Isle Library will need to be repaired before any interior repairs are made. The stacks on the roof that blew off during Hurricane Ida were rerouted and the hole that was left was patched as a temporary solution. We are trying to find a better coating material for a more permanent solution. The entire elevator has to be replaced, because the saltwater sat in the elevator too long. Bids for the elevator replacement will go out in September or October. We have ordered a small collection to replace the collection that was damaged. The library is currently operating out of the Grand Isle Multiplex Center.
- The EBR roof replacement project is complete and a resolution accepting completion of the project will go before the Council soon.
- A Statement of Qualification (SOQ) is being put out for an architect for the Fat City Multiplex building construction project, which the e-Branch will be part of.

- Chris reported former Friends president, Diane, has been teaching Mahjong to patrons. In June, 57 people participated and just recently, 35 people participated in her class. In December, she will teach classes on Tuesdays and plans to ask the Friends to purchase tables for the class. Author events are returning to EBR. Three health events for both the Eastbank and Westbank have been scheduled. JenCare and Toast Masters often book meeting, but don't show for the scheduled events. It helps that branch managers are presenting programs too.

The board reschedule the Sexual Harassment training for another meeting date instead of completing the training at the August meeting.

Board members agreed to allow members the option to join the board meeting via conference calls.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.