

ST. MARTIN PARISH LIBRARY

BOARD OF CONTROL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Monday, December 4, 2023

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Breaux Bridge Branch Library

AGENDA

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Public Hearing 2024 Budget

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes from last meeting, 6 November 2023

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

St. Martinville Branch Library Building Renovation Update

New Business

Holidays 2024

Proposed Budget 2024

Determine Salary Range

Compensation Recommendation 2024

Operating Budget 2024

Election of Officers for 2024

Director's Update

Adjournment

Charlar P. Brew, Director

St. Martin Parish Library

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The St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control met on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at the Breaux Bridge Branch Library. President Romero called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Georgie Blanchard gave invocation and led the Pledge Allegiance. Secretary, Charlar Brew recorded attendance. Members present were: Tommy Romero, Henry Derouselle, Mike Foremeller, Charlene Leblanc, Georgie Blanchard and Freda Harrison. Chenita Broussard was absent.

Larry Angelle was in attendance.

On a motion by Freda Harrison and seconded by Charlene Leblanc the minutes of the November 6, 2023 minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

Update on the St. Martinville Renovation

Generator has been installed It is recommended that due to its location that it be fenced in. BNicko fence that is used by the Parish cost is \$5,400.00. Additional quotes were requested for fences but have not been received. There has been an issue with the Generator, a new Controller had to be ordered. It is a warranty item.

A Renovation plaque for the exterior of the St. Martinville Branch Library has been ordered. ARL Construction will install the plaque for free.

City of St. Martinville is interested in the Surplus Furniture in storage at Acadiana Movers. Mayor Willis would like to go and see the items. It is possible an intergovernmental agreement can be done. It was suggested by Mike Formeller and Georgie Blanchard that Mayor Willis be contacted and a deadline given for his decision about the surplus furniture. It was mentioned that Father Champagne may be interested.

New Business:

Holidays for 2024. Motion for approval by Mike Formeller and seconded by Georgie Blanchard and approved unanimously.

Proposed Budget 2024 (Several increase in line items on Proposed Budget due to cost increase)

Determine Employee Salary Range Ranges from 2% - 6% due to increase cost of living.

There was much discussion. Mrs. Brew asked members to consider the increase cost of living for employees. She stated that it is becoming increasing difficult to hire and keep good employees. Hiring workers has become very competitive. Several employers are hiring. Hiring signs everywhere and members agreed After some discussion members decided on 6% Across the Board compensation rate





increase due to inflation for 2024 for all employees. Motion for approval by Henry Derouselle and seconded by Mike Foremeller and approved unanimously.

Operating Budget 2024. Motion for approval by Charlene Leblanc and seconded by Freda Harrison and approved unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2024

Motioned made by Charlene Leblanc that Tommy Romero remain President. He accepted. President Romero acknowledged Mrs. Freda Harrison, Vice-President Emeritus. Georgie Blanchard nominated Henry Derouselle as Vice President and he accepted. Motioned for approval by Mike Formeller and seconded by Charlene Leblanc and approved unanimously.

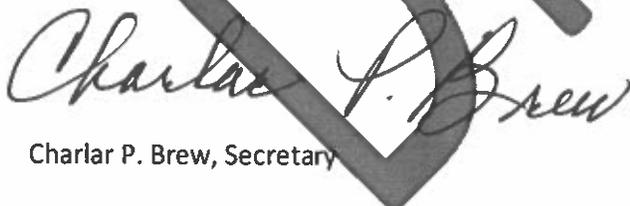
There was some discussion of the Parks Library. Mrs. Brew informed the members that Parish Council makes the decision of building libraries. There was misinformation in the television media that the Board had decided to build a new Branch. She informed the Board that the conversation may be started in the future. She reminded the members that there will be a library tax millage in 2024.

In the Director's update Mrs. Charlar Brew gave the members the End of Month Financial for November. She informed the members that programs and attendance have increased at all Branches. Several programs are planned for December. She acknowledged the partnership with Jeanne McBride and the wonderful programs being collaborated with Teche Center of the Arts.

Good of the Order: Mrs. Brew thanked the members for their support and their dedication to the Library Board. The members were wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on February 5, 2024. Being no further business, Georgie Blanchard moved that the meeting be adjourned and Freda Harrison seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,


Charlar P. Brew, Secretary

