

NATCHITOCHE PARISH LIBRARY
BOARD OF CONTROL
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2014

Board Members Present: Mr. Burton Weaver, Jr., Mrs. Linda Jenkins, Mr. Thomas Roque, Dr. Thomas Burns and Librarian Bob Black.

Board Members Absent: Dr. James Guin, Mrs. Karen Terrell and Ms. Gloria Waldrup-Davis

Guests: Dr. Leon Davis, Ernie Davis, Andrew Davis, Jackson Jones, George Minturn, Larry Beauboeuf, Deborah Ransome, Marc Richard, Amy Walmsley, and Vallery Washington

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Invocation was said by Mr. Thomas Roque.

Minutes

Motion to approve the April 8, 2014 Library Board of Control Minutes as presented was made by Mr. Roque. Dr. Burns second. Motion Carried.

Guests

Dr. Leon Davis presented the Library Board with a proposal for the creation of a research library that concentrates on African Americans. Research library would be a satellite library of Natchitoches Parish Library that concentrates on books & materials on African Americans. Later on African American Research Library that is devoted to the history and culture of African Americans (Auburn Avenue Research Library & African American Museum in Atlanta, GA). Dr. Davis will orchestrate and setup a Satellite Library. Dr. Davis stated that his proposal would be a form of affirmative action due to African Americans not being represented in the library, administration or staff when the library was created.

Roque motioned to take Dr. Davis proposal under advisement for further study. Roque stated that Dr. Davis had done what the library board has requested. Roque stated the library would receive Dr. Davis proposal. Roque stated that the library board and staff would see what if any the library board could do to address Dr. Davis' concerns.

Campti Branch

Mr. Minturn presented the library board with a preliminary drawing of proposed floor plans for Campti Branch building. Preliminary plans had 10 computers in the adult lab and 3 computers in the children's lab. Mr. Roque would like to have more computers for patrons. Mrs. Jenkins stated that the Library Manager would probably need a private desk, possibly in the staff lounge.

Motion to accept the floor plans with modifications made by staff was made by Dr. Burns. Mrs. Jenkins second. Motion Carried.

Financial Report

Vallery Washington presented the Trial Balance ending June 30, 2014. Please see handout.

Statistical Report

Deborah Ransome presented the Statistical Reports for January through June 2014. Please see handout.

Outreach Report

Amy Walmsley presented the Outreach Update. Please see handout.

Technology Report

Marc Richard presented the Technology Report. Library has chosen to go with Cp-Tel for Internet services. Family Computer Lab has been implemented with 3 lab computers in the 2nd floor vault. Alan Niette, NPL Computer Lab Monitor, is interested in teaching computer classes. Niette is still working on details for the classes.

Librarian Report

Librarian Bob Black requested that the Natchitoches Parish Library Board convene into Executive Session at 7:10pm.