LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦December 14, 2017♦ 1:45 PM ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Chair Gwen Carter, Wayne Berry, Doreen Brasseaux, Sydni Dunn, Glen Kinsey, Nikki Godfrey, Eartha Cross, Father James Carter, Scott Richard, Nancy Harrelson, Julie Cherry, Bill Blackwood, Lee Meredith, Lee Wheeler, and Valencia Burton.

**Members Absent:** Chris Goudeau, David Bondy, Julie Cherry, Lee Meredith, Lee Wheeler, Jada Lewis, Gwen Guillotte and Deano Thornton

**Employees Present:**  Clay Fourrier, Joanne Gaudet, Beth Courtney, Christina Melton, C. C. Copeland, Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Gwen Carter, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gwen Carter called for the motion to accept the Minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting. Scott Richard motioned and Valencia Burton seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Joanne Gaudet gave the Financial Report. (see attached) Julie Cherry made a motion to accept the report. Doreen Brasseaux seconded. Motion carried.

**Friends Report:** Bill Blackwood, chairman of Friends of LPB, gave the Friends financial report. (See attached) Motion to accept by Glenn Kinsey and seconded by Valencia Burton. Motion carried. He also spoke about the 2018 Legends Gala.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney noted the $43,000 check from Quota Club International of Baton Rouge and how successful that event was.

Beth Courtney reminded the Board about the Cradle to K initiative that will be focused primarily in the 70802 zip code area.

She told the Board that nationally, public broadcasting was in good shape.

Beth Courtney told the Board about the upcoming meeting with the Division of Administration to discuss the upcoming budget and some of the items that she would bring up, such as a new vehicle and the ongoing maintenance at the towers and transmitters due to the repack.

 She introduced C. C. Copeland, director of Engineering, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Spectrum repack.

Beth Courtney mentioned the three (3) Emmys that LPB has won for “Attakapas”, “Louisiana Public Square – The Black and the Blue”, and soundtrack for “Deeply Rooted”.

**Other Business:** Chair Gigi Carter recognized Glenn Kinsey, chair of the Nominating Committee. He introduced a proposed slate of officers for 2018. They are as follows:

Kathy Kleibert – Chair, Lee Meredith - Vice Chair, Scott Richard – Secretary, Jada Lewis – Treasurer, and Past Chair – Gwendolyn “Gigi” Carter. Glenn Kinsey motioned accepting the slate of officers. Doreen Brasseaux seconded. Motion carried.

Gwen Carter asked for a motion to reappoint Wayne Berry as an Honorary Member. Julie Cherry motioned and Glenn Kinsey seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**  The chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Eartha Cross moved and Valencia Burton seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.