

**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**October 26, 2012
6 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Dr. Argiro Morgan, Evelyn Valore, and Tony Clesi. Members absent were Paulette Holahan, Pat Preis, and Bibb Ingram. Louis Covington was present as an ex-officio member. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Georgia Brown called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was offered by Evelyn Valore and seconded by Dr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Tony Clesi and seconded by Dr. Morgan, the minutes were approved.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Budget

Hamilton again discussed concerns about the State Library's overall budget and that soon the State Library will begin preparing budget documents for FY 13-14.

Hamilton also reported that the public libraries, that have a fiscal year from January to December, are in the process of finalizing their 2012 budgets and preparing their 2013 budgets. Hamilton advised them to not budget for State Aid funds because with state government still facing a deficit, it would be unlikely for the aid to be restored. She explained that it is better to not budget it if there is a chance of not getting it. If we are pleasantly surprised, they can always amend their budgets to accept it.

BTOP Grant

Hamilton made the board aware that the library is in the process of preparing final reports and documents to wind down the BTOP Grant, which ends in December. She answered questions about the details of the grant noting that each category of the grant was hugely successful.

Louisiana Center for the Book

Hamilton presented the board members with their book festival packets and badges and gave an overview of the 9th Annual Book Festival scheduled for October 27, 2012 and noted highlights to

focus on during the day. A lively discussion was held about the value of the book festival and how it impacts the community.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting Date: January 30, 2013; 2nd Floor Board Room, State Library of Louisiana

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners