**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**August 30, 2018**

**Baton Rouge, La**

10 am

**CALL TO ORDER**

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Evelyn Valore, Louis Covington, Argiro Morgan, David Johnson and James Lee. Absent from the meeting was Patricia Preis. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Georgia Brown called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was offered by David Johnson and seconded by James Lee and unanimously carried.

**MINUTES**

On a motion offered by David Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Valore, the minutes were approved.

**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hamilton directed members to the departmental quarterly reports which highlighted key events and initiatives of each department. As in previous quarters, Hamilton reported that usage of the State Library in virtually every department is steadily increasing. Additionally, calls for help and requests for information coming from the public libraries as well as parish elected officials has almost doubled, which means staff are providing more support for clients than almost ever before while staffing is at an all- time low. We are currently at 38 employees doing the work of 78 positions. On top of this staff all play a role in the implementation of the Louisiana Book Festival. Hamilton which will take place on November 10th.

Hamilton suggested a resolution or proclamation of some kind from the board to the staff thanking them for all that they do. Hamilton also mentioned the tremendous support from State Representative Thomas Carmody during the last regular legislative session. Rep. Carmody used his personal privilege on the House Floor to remind all House members about the State Library and to use their State Library card. Hamilton recommended a thank you letter from the board to Rep. Carmody. Brown called for a motion for the board to write something for the staff and a thank you letter to Rep. Carmody. Covington made the motion, Valore seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

While State Library staff are keeping up with the overall workload as best as they can so that we won’t get behind, new ideas and initiatives cannot be considered at all. Also potential partnerships with other agencies and organizations cannot move forward until the State Library gets more staff and restored funding.

Morgan asked about the State Library meeting its Maintenance of Effort. Hamilton reported that the library is again under its MOE to be able to receive federal funds. She explained that the legislature did restore $430,000 to the State Library’s budget so that it could meet its MOE but the funding was taken from the Office of Tourism. The Lt. Governor did not approve the interagency transfer and therefore the library did not get this funding and as a result will be below its MOE for FY 18-19. This will cost the library an additional $400,000 for a total loss of $830,000.

Hamilton advised the board that the State Board of Library Examiners members were up for reappointment. Lee made the motion to reappoint Meg Placke, Dorothy White and Amanda Taylor. Johnson seconded and all were in favor so the motion passed.

Hamilton reminded the board of their ethics training which had to be completed prior to 12/31/2018.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting will be Friday November 9, 2018 at the State Library at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brown made motion to adjourn and Covington approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary

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Georgia Brown, Chair

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