

**Pointe Coupee Parish Library  
Board of Control  
August 12, 2015**

**Call To Order**

Miss Wylene Hurst, Library Board President, called the general business meeting of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control to order at 5:40pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mrs. Grace Hebert, Mrs. Fontenot, Mrs. McCoy, Ms. Boley and Miss Wylene Hurst.  
Absent: Mrs. Gayle Dixon and Mr. Don Ewing.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Boley to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Ms. Hurst to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Librarian's Report**

The 2014 Annual Financial Report conducted by Major Morrison and David CPA was presented for review. The annual audit presented no significant findings. The library continues to operate within its legal and financial parameters.

Library Director Melissa Hymel presented a review of the 2015 financial statement. A line by line review of the current budget was conducted.

The library director and branch managers attended the Louisiana Library Association annual conference. Mrs. Hymel currently serves as chair of the Modisette Award Committee for Public Library Trustees and presented the award during this venue.

Facilities issues were discussed. Another air conditioning unit in New Roads had to be replaced. This particular unit was nearly 23 years old. A new Internet server had to also be replaced.

For the second year, the Pointe Coupee Parish Library will participate with the State Bar Association in "Lawyers in Libraries". This free program will be held October 29, 2015. Registration is required. Two local attorneys have committed to participate thus far: Don Cazayoux and Lane Ewing.

**New Business**

**POLICY: EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY**

It was moved by Mrs. Fontenot and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to accept the Employee Background Check Policy as presented. Said policy will be utilized for all current and future library employees. Motion carried.

Library Board President Hurst officially thanked NRG Energy for their generous donation to the Pointe Coupee Parish Library. NRG has consistently supported our library system each year through their Employee Global Giving Day, they have provided CPR programs for our employees, provided children's computers in Innis, shelving units at our smaller locations and they have assisted with grounds beautification projects in New Roads. The library is truly grateful for the support of this local business and its generosity to our programs.

**Correspondence**

A letter was presented from State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton. "The State Library has experienced massive budget cuts since 2009. The State Library has absorbed all the cuts on the operational side of services, cutting staff, hours and acquisitions until there is nothing left to cut. Because it is below its Maintenance of Effort required to retain LSTA funding in FY2012-2013, the State Library will be losing \$300,000 in LSTA funds this current year. This is in addition to other cuts to state fund in the budget. Neither did the State Legislature appropriate any funds for State Aid for the current year nor will we be able to reimburse Internet costs."

The impending budget cuts will result in Pointe Coupee having to pay more for Internet access, database subscriptions and interlibrary loan van delivery services. Because of the impact of these statewide cuts, our own library budget will require adjustment at year-end. A number of databases have been cut on the State Library site. This is a critical time for the State Library and the impact of these cuts will be felt on a local level.

**Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the Library Board, it was moved by Mrs. Fontenot and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to adjourn. Motion carried. The President adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control will be Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

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Melissa Hymel, Secretary  
November 11, 2015