

**Pointe Coupee Parish Library
Board of Control
June 14, 2023**

Call to Order

Wylene Hurst, Library Board President, called the general business meeting of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control to order at 5:35pm.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Philomena Fontenot, Mrs. Grace Hebert, Ms. Wylene Hurst, Mrs. MaryHelen McCoy and Mrs. Kate Roy.

Absent: none.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Fontenot and seconded by Mrs. McCoy to accept the minutes of the General Business Meeting February 23, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Librarian's Report

Library Director Melissa Hymel presented a review of the current 2023 financial statement.

A letter from the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff stated the Louisiana Tax Commission has recently empowered the release of previously Protested Ad Valorem Taxes associated with Louisiana Generating for Tax Year 2021.

The current information gathered from the Pointe Coupee Assessor's Office in regard to the final barge company's leaving the parish will result in an annual \$400,000 loss in revenue to the library system. The process of rolling the millage forward to off-set this revenue loss has begun. In the meantime, all categories of expenditures are being reduced to help with the loss in 2024.

In light of recent events between public libraries and the Attorney Generals Office in regard to policies relating to children and Internet safety concerns, the Library Board of Control reviewed its current policy. In said policy, it is the Parents responsibility to monitor a minor child's use of electronic resources. This policy is signed by both the parent and the child whenever a child is given a library card with authorization to utilize electronic resources. Further measures have also been established to make sure the parents are aware of what information their child may or may not be exposed to while utilizing electronic resources. All attempts to educate both parents and their children on

Internet Safety are given at the time a child receives a library card. A recommendation on a revised Collection Development Policy was presented.

It was moved by Mrs. Fontenot and seconded by Mrs. McCoy to accept the Collection Development Policy as revised. Said policy will replace any prior Collection Development Policies currently on record. Motion carried.

Programs

A listing of upcoming programs at all facility locations was presented. This list covered the next three months of library activities.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the Library Board, it was moved by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Roy to adjourn. Motion carried. The President adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control will be Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Melissa Hymel, Secretary
August 9, 2023