

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

**January 16, 2014
10:45 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Argiro Morgan. Additional members in attendance included Evelyn Valore, Louis Covington and Johnell Matthews. Tony Clesi, Patricia Preis, and Paulette Holahan were absent. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Louis Covington and seconded by Johnell Matthews, the minutes were approved.

**REPORTS
QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hamilton reported on the success of the tenth annual Louisiana Book Festival with 29,800 people in attendance. Hamilton reported that the Book Festival App was a huge success and allowed festival goers to make their own schedules. Overall the festival gets bigger and better with each year.

Hamilton explained that one vacant position within State Library, the Interlibrary Loan Manager, is now filled. The new manager has worked quickly to clean out the backlog of requests due to the position being vacant. She again reported that the State Library has 51 employees doing the work of 78 positions.

Hamilton and the board reviewed and discussed the 2012 Annual Statistical Report for Public Libraries. This report is compiled by the Library Development Division within State Library and provides an overview of each parish that allows the libraries to see where they stand with their peers in regards to funding, circulation, staffing, etc. Circulation and computer usage is again up statewide showing that libraries remain relevant and well used in the state of Louisiana.

Hamilton invited the board to the upcoming Black History Month program at the State Library being presented by Dr. Kim Vaz entitled "The Baby Dolls". Hamilton invited Senator Broome to be our guest and to provide the introduction of Dr. Vaz.

Hamilton reported that she was asked to provide two programs at the upcoming Louisiana Library Association's annual conference taking place in Lafayette, March 26-28, 2014. Hamilton was asked to provide her State of the State Library program and also a program about building a diverse workforce because her administration at the State Library was seen as a "best practice" in regards to that subject matter.

Hamilton provided follow-up concerning the recent denial by IMLS (the Institute of Museum and Library Services) of the State Library's most recent waiver request. She reminded the board that the waiver was denied

because IMLS believes that the State Library was disproportionately cut as compared to other agencies within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. After working with Lt. Governor and Commissioner of Administration, an appeal letter was written including information about possible future funding restoration. This appeal was granted, however, future appeals still have to be requested.

Hamilton reported on COSLA's Fall Meeting in Savannah, Georgia and other various library events including reviewing Tourism marketing proposals with Lt. Governor and his Executive Team and the dinner she attended with Mayor Kip Holden and Lou Gossett, Jr. the evening of the Book Festival.

The group selected the next meeting date to be Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th floor of the State Library in the Capitol View Room.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Argiro Morgan made motion to adjourn and Johnell Matthews approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 11:31am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair
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