LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦February 14, 2019♦ 12:00 PM ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Chair Kathy Kliebert, Eartha Cross, Dr. Tina Holland, Conrad Comeaux, Chris Weggmann, Julie Cherry, Gigi Carter, Nancy Harrelson, Valencia Burton, David Tatman, and Rae Vasquez (by phone)

**Members Absent:** Donna Ewing, Nikki Godfrey, Jada Lewis, Sydni Dunn

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Joanne Gaudet, Clay Fourrier, Terri Crockett, Jeanne Smith, Christina Melton, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Kathy Kliebert, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

**Approve minutes:** Kathy Kliebert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018. Motion was made by David Tatman and seconded by Valencia Burton. Motion carried.

**Chairman’s Report:** Kathy Kliebert announced the resignations of Donna Ewing and Doreen Brasseaux and talked about the number of vacancies now on the LETA Board and asked for names of possible new members.

Kathy Kliebert then brought up the three (3) existing committees, Executive, Education, and Technology and asked for new members on Education and Technology. David Tatman asked to serve on Education. Chris Wegmann and Conrad Comeaux agreed to serve on Technology. Gigi Carter asked that a brief description of the purpose of each committee be sent to all board members.

**Financial Report:** Joanne Gaudet gave the Financial Report. (See attached) Kathy Kliebert asked for a motion to approve the report. Conrad Comeaux moved and Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion passed.

**Friends Report:** Terri Crockett gave the Friends Report. Terri Crockett talked about 20,000 by 2020 and showed the board members the LPB homepage where all the updated information and links to the campaign are displayed. She told the board members about the Amazon Smile benefit offered by Amazon that will give Friends of LPB 0.5% of every purchase when a purchaser selects LPB as a recipient. Terri talked about the Legends Gala in May and what a great event it is. She then gave the Financial report. (See attached).

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney asked Christina Melton to update the board on the WWII documentary and the Ready to Learn grant.

Beth Courtney told the board that it will soon be time for gubernatorial debates and she and Barry Erwin have begun working on that process.

Clay Fourrier showed a clip from “Starry Night” – an event featuring Louisiana artists Lisette Oropesa and Paul Groves singing operatic selections.

After seeing the clip, Conrad Comeaux, suggested the LSU Foundation adopt the slogan “LSU is more than athletics”.

Conrad Comeaux also suggested that LPB get the PBS survey showing that PBS is the most trusted of American institutions (see attached) done statewide and districtwide and distribute that to the legislature.

**Adjournment:** Kathy Kliebert called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Chris Wegmann and seconded by Conrad Comeaux. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.