LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦February 9, 2017♦ 12:00 Noon ♦

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

**Members Present:** Chair Gwen Carter, Wayne Berry, Father Carter, Julie Cherry, Barbara DeCuir, Glenn Kinsey, Dr. William Weldon, Kathy Kliebert, Valencia Burton, Eartha Cross, Chris Goudeau, and new members Lee Wheeler and Sydni Dunn

**Members Absent:** Deano Thornton, Scott Richard, Dan Hare, Gwen Guillotte, David Bondy, Jada Lewis, Nikki Godfrey, Lee Meredith

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

**Call to Order:** Gwen Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

**Introduction of New Members:** Chair Gwen Carter introduced the new members – Lee Wheeler (At-Large) and Sydni Dunn (LA Dept. of Education)

**Approval of Minutes:** Gwen Carter called for motion to accept the December 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Dr. Weldon moved and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Dr. Weldon presented the Financial Report. See attached report.

**Friends Report:** Terri Crockett gave the Friends financial report. (See attached) She also talked about the upcoming Legends Gala on March 30th .

 **Underwriting:** See attached report

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney began her report by stating that the special session called by the governor begins Feb. 13th and it appears that the administration plan to close the budget gap will not affect LPB, but she will watch closely throughout the session. She then asked Clay Fourrier to show a rough clip of “Attakapas: A Cajun Story”. She then talked about the APTS Action Alert stating the possible cut to CPB by the US Congress and the steps the board members could take by getting in touch with their legislators to talk about that.

Beth then asked Christina Melton to explain the CPB Emergency Grant LPB received. Christina talked about the education outreach we were doing with teachers at schools impacted by the floods.

Beth told the board about upcoming events: March Pledge drive, Young Heroes on Apr. 3rd, and “Louisiana Public Square – Black & the Blue” on Feb. 20th.

She told them about the Daniel Tiger event in Lafayette that drew 1500 people showing what an impact PBS and LPB has on people’s lives.

Beth talked to the board members about increasing Friends of LPB membership and how she would like input from the members on ways to accomplish that.

**Adjournment:** Gwen informed the new board members that after adjournment, a new board member orientation would be given by Beth Courtney followed by a tour of the facilities. Gwen Carter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Cherry made the motion and Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Manship