LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦April 13, 2017♦ 12:00 Noon ♦

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

**Members Present:** Acting Chair Kathy Kliebert, Wayne Berry, Father Carter, Barbara DeCuir, Glenn Kinsey, Dr. William Weldon, Valencia Burton, Eartha Cross, Chris Goudeau, Lee Wheeler, Sydni Dunn, Nikki Godfrey, Lee Meredith, Jada Lewis, Dan Hare

**Members Absent:** Deano Thornton, Scott Richard, Gwen Guillotte, David Bondy, Gigi Carter

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

**Call to Order:** Kathy Kliebert, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kathy Kliebert called for motion to accept the February 9, 2017 meeting minutes. Glenn Kinsey moved and Dr. Weldon seconded. Motion carried.

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

**Friends Report:** Dan Hare gave the Friends financial report. See attached.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney began her report by stating that she, Joanne Gaudet, and Kimberly Ducote appeared before the House Appropriations committee on April 11, 2017. Beth told the committee that LPB serves 40,000 teachers and 100,000 students statewide with educational programming and online and digital services.

Jada Lewis asked for a status update on national funding for PBS. Beth said she was hopeful that due to the efforts of PBS and CPB, the funding for PBS would not be severely affected. Beth asked Christina Melton to talk about the “I Am LPB” campaign. Christina explained that we were getting teachers, librarians, viewers to film short spots saying “I Am LPB”.

Beth talked about signing Andre’ Moreau to a short term contract to serve as anchor on “Louisiana: The State We’re In”. She said we were in the process of interviewing people for that position and she would keep the board informed as to the status of the search.

Beth talked about the successful Young Heroes program with Rotary that took place on April 3, 2017. Clay Fourrier showed two video bios of Young Heroes recipients to the board.

Finally, Beth spoke about the upcoming program “Recap” which will be shown on Facebook Live – a first for LPB. It will take place at the Capitol during the session.

**Chairman’s Report:** Acting Chair Kathy Kliebert announced the members of the two new committees of the LETA Board – Education and Technology. The membership is as follows:

 **Education Technology**

 Fr. Carter Wayne Berry

 Eartha Cross Lee Meredith

 Jada Lewis Lee Wheeler

 Valencia Burton

 Nikki Godfrey

 Scott Richard

The committees will meet one (1) hour before the Full Board meeting.

**Underwriting:** See attached report

**Adjournment:** Kathy Kliebert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Weldon made the motion and Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Manship