

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

**January 30, 2013
10:00 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 Georgia Brown, Evelyn Valore, and Louis Covington. 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 Georgia Brown and seconded by Evelyn Valore and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Louis Covington and seconded by Evelyn Valore, the minutes were approved as written.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Hamilton began the meeting with congratulations to the new library board chair, Dr. Argiro Morgan and new permanent board member, Louis Covington.

Hamilton reported on departmental highlights as noted in the documents handed out to the board.

Hamilton also made the board aware that the Commissioner's Office, through the Governor, now requires all boards and commissions to post their agendas and approved online. Although the State Library has always followed the letter of the law by posting agendas on the doors of the library this will be an additional step added to normal procedure. She further explained that this would mean there are possibilities that we would welcome members of the public to future meetings since it is now more visible to them. Minutes will be posted online quarterly. The new procedures also include posting the meeting date, time and place on our website 24 hours prior to our meeting. Hamilton stressed that it is important to stick with set meeting dates and times due to this step so that the public will not see one posting one day and another the next due to cancelled and rescheduled meetings.

Hamilton announced that the Book Festival will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013. Committees are currently being formed to implement and discuss more ideas to appeal to all ages, ethnic origins/backgrounds and all genres of music, in efforts to appeal to all audiences and generate more people to the Festival.

Hamilton explained that the IT department is now at the end of the 3-year BTOP Grant that closed in December. Work is now being done to complete the final reports to turn in. The total number of classes predicted when the grant was written was 2700 but 4700 classes were actually conducted due to the ability of our IT staff to stretch the dollars. She explained that the 4700 classes included 15-30 citizens per class being trained on computer skills. Hamilton expressed how proud she is of her staff and tremendous success of this grant.

Hamilton reported that the new Library Development consultant discussed last meeting, Charlotte Pringle, is doing a great job and has brought many new skills to the table. Even though Library Development is down 3 consultants there is little to no decline in workflow, production or phone calls. Regardless of our budget cuts, the State Library is still seen as the best resource for library directors and trustees.

A discussion was held about the status of the waivers requested of IMLS by Hamilton. Hamilton reported that 2 waivers had been given and that the 3rd waiver request was being drafted. If the 3rd waiver is not granted, federal money will have to be returned. Hamilton also reported that State Aid is at zero going into the legislative session starting on April 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting date: April 3, 2012 10:00 am, 5th Floor Capitol View Rm, State Library

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair
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