

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

**November 1, 2013
6:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Dr. Argiro Morgan. Additional members in attendance included Evelyn Valore, Tony Clesi, Louis Covington, and Johnell Matthews. Absent from the meeting were Patricia Preis and Paulette Holahan. 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 Tony Clesi and seconded by Evelyn Valore and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Tony Clesi and seconded by Johnell Matthews, the minutes were approved.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Hamilton began the meeting with a brief budget update. She explained that this fall is when the budget for the department is created. Hamilton explained that State Aid will be included at the \$3 million level when the budget is turned in. With these additional funds the State Library would be able to meet the required maintenance of effort. She expressed that since the last waiver request was denied she has been working with the Lt. Governor and Commissioner on a strategy to either appeal the waiver denial or seek funding restoration.

Hamilton then provided some highlights and accomplishments of the State Library staff. She shared how the Center for the Book staff worked hard to produce what would surely be another record breaking Louisiana Book Festival. The Library Development Division continued to provide service to all 340 public libraries even though it is not fully staffed. They presented 272 continuing education workshops for public libraries this last quarter including webinars. Hamilton emphasized that her entire staff have been using any and all resources, including free webinars and tutorials, available to provide the highest level of service to the public libraries and the general public regardless of budget and staffing reductions. She noted that the State Library currently has 46 employees but those 46 are performing the duties of 71 positions.

Hamilton shared information on all conferences and meetings attended this quarter and brought special attention to the “Lead the Change” event in New Orleans and the Madisonville Library opening as 2 highlights. Hamilton was asked to be the keynote speaker at the “Lead the Change” event due to the State Library’s ability to adapt and lead during difficult times such as after the storms of 2005 and during the recent economic recession. The Madisonville Library opening in St. Tammany Parish was a highlight due to the best practices utilized by the St. Tammany Parish

Library Board and staff for their new building and future services to this community. The opening brought together city, parish and state officials to celebrate the importance of libraries for every community. State Library of Louisiana Board Commissioner Dr. Argiro Morgan, who is also the St. Tammany Parish Library Board Chair, officiated at the event.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 10:00 am

2nd Floor Board Room, State Library of Louisiana

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Argiro Morgan made motion to adjourn and Evelyn Valore approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners