

Ouachita Parish Public Library

Board of Control

Minutes

January 11, 2024

The Ouachita Parish Public Library Board of Control Meeting was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the Main Branch of the Ouachita Parish Public Library. In attendance were the following members: Ms. Betty Ward- Cooper, President; Mr. Wyman Mardis; Ms. Alex Webre; Mr. Larry Bratton, ex-officio member; Ms. Kathy Craig; and Mr. LaMario Looney. Mr. Darris Warren, Vice-President and Ms. Misti Cordell were absent. Also attending were Mr. Brad Cammack, OPPJ Treasurer; Mr. Jay Mitchell, OPPJ Assistant District Attorney; Ms. Nancy Green, OPPL Acting Director; Ms. LaKeisha Bosworth, OPPL Assistant Director; and Ms. Casie Castle, OPPL Business Manager.

President Betty Ward- Cooper called the meeting to order at 12:09pm, and Ms. Kathy Craig led the invocation.

There was an agenda change, as Mr. Bill Land of Land 3 Architect's updates to the new Main Branch building were moved up on the agenda. The agenda with changes was then approved on a motion by Ms. Craig, seconded by Ms. Webre with all in favor.

President Cooper welcomed one guest, Ms. Dilcie McDonald Green.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Bill Land of Land 3 Architect then gave an update on the new Main Branch building. He stated that his company was about 70% complete with the design phase of the plans. He also asked if there was an update on removing the existing cubicles from the building. Ms. Green responded that this process was to begin within the next week. Mr. Land then reiterated the need for an electrician to map the circuits in the building to which Mr. Cammack responded that he would send out a proposal. Mr. Land stated that once the cubicles are removed the Asbestos Abatement Contractor (PAC) would view the building to begin an asbestos abatement design. Mr. Land stated that when this abatement is completed, he will then be able to take the plans to the Fire Marshall for inspection. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Asbestos Abatement was covered in the amount the board agreed on for the renovation of the building.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on December 14, 2023, were approved on a motion by Mr. Looney, seconded by Ms. Webre with all present voting in favor of approval.

OPPL's monthly Statistical Report for the month of December 2023 was presented and reviewed as well as the Annual Statistical Report for 2023. Items of importance on the December Statistical report were noted and annual numbers of programs for all ages as well as the annual number of Outreach Programs and Virtual Programs offered throughout the parish in 2023 were pointed out. The December Statistical Report and the 2023 Annual Statistical Report were approved on a motion by Ms. Weber and a second by Ms. Craig.

The Financial Report for December 2023 was presented and approved on a motion by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Ms. Webre with all present voting in favor of approval.

The December 2023 Personnel report was approved on a motion by Ms. Webre, seconded by Mr. Bratton with all present voting in favor of approval.

The proposed 2024 Board Meeting Dates were approved on a motion by Mr. Looney, seconded by Ms. Craig with all present voting in favor of approval.

There was no other business on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Main Branch Library in the Louis Lock Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm on a motion by Ms. Webre, seconded by Mr. Looney, with all voting in favor.

Respectfully

Nancy Green

Secretary

Betty Ward-Cooper, President