

**Minutes of the September 1, 2016**  
**Meeting of the West Feliciana Parish Library Board of Control**

Meeting called to order at the West Feliciana Parish Library located at 5114 Burnett Road, St. Francisville, Louisiana by Clara Ruth Saint, Board President, @ 4:30 p.m. but a quorum was never established. Present: James Lewis, Claire Mott, and Clara Ruth Saint. Also present: Glenna Fallin, Library Director. Absent: Rose Coats, Rachel Howell, Kim Maxwell, Calvin Miller and Kevin Couhig, President, West Feliciana Parish Council/*ex officio* member.

Because there was not a quorum, only information could be disseminated at this meeting, and official business of the board requiring a vote could not be accomplished. Approval of the agenda, minutes, and financial reports were suspended until a later date.

**Friends of the Library:**

The President recognized Mrs. Pat Heurtin, President of the Friends of the Library, who in turn asked Darlene Reaves to announce that on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, the Friends would be sponsoring a musical concert for children with Betsy McGovern of New Orleans. Then Mrs. Heurtin requested that Stephen Winham announce another Friends' event. Mr. Winham passed out flyers concerning the appearance of author/journalist Tom Aswell on October 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss his latest books on the gubernatorial administration of Bobby Jindal and Louisiana Rocks!: The True Genesis of Rock and Roll. Both events are free to the public. Mrs. Heurtin requested that at the next meeting, an item be placed on the agenda to discuss and vote upon an art wall to be paid by the Friends' organization.

**Director's Report:**

Mrs. Fallin advised the Board of the statistical reports for August and the calendar of events for the month of September. She mentioned that there were three examinations that she proctored this past month which is a service long-provided by the library. At this month's senior movie day, there were attendees from First Baptist Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Country Manor and the Council on Aging. The community calendar project was postponed due to the flooding that occurred in the parish, but will be back on track as soon as possible.

The Library Director advised that she is interviewing for the position of Library Page to replace the departed Natasha Kirschling. Also, September is National Library Card Month and the library is partnering with Sky Zone in Baton Rouge to provide free passes to those children who sign up and read 5 books before the end of September. The Director also acknowledged the receipt of genealogy books from the collection of Mrs. Gwen Sealy and the generosity of those who contributed \$2,500.00 to make it possible. Additionally, the heirs of the late Maude Williams provided books of a genealogical nature to our library upon her recent demise.

A police report for theft was filed when the large flower pot donated by Ins-n-Outs, located in the lobby, was taken. Thanks to our camera system, the perpetrator was arrested and the pot returned within about thirty minutes. Another theft occurred the same date – a commercial garbage can owned by the janitorial service was taken with the garbage later discovered strewn upon private property. That matter is still pending with the Wildlife and Fisheries Department since it was upon riverfront property.

The Director made several other announcements:

- Lobby furniture will arrive by the second week of October per the vendor
- The art exhibit done by artist Donna Kilbourne will be up for several weeks
- The Rotary Club has inquired about having its weekly meetings at the library and has asked for a quote on costs/expenses
- The Library Director is working on having two author visits – Kwame Alexander, a Newbery Award recipient in December, and Henry Cole, author and illustrator in April during National Library Week
- The position of Teen Library Consultant will not be filled, but rather, Mrs. Fallin will assume the role
- Applications for the Teen Council are now being taken
- The parish government has indicated its willingness to host our library website
- Pella has contacted Debbie Greer to establish potential dates to replace defective windows
- Gardening proposals will be considered at the next meeting

Upon the conclusion of the Director's report, Mrs. Claire Mott suggested that the business items not conducted on this date be moved to a special meeting on September 12, 2016. Mrs. Saint and Mr. Lewis concurred.

Mr. Conrad McVea Green, who attended the meeting as a spectator, introduced himself and his new business My Phone M.D. Mrs. Saint thanked him for his attendance and welcomed him to the parish.

There being no further business to come before the assembled members, the meeting was suspended until a later date.

Submitted by: Glenna Clark Fallin, Library Director