

Jackson Parish Library Board  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2022

The Jackson Parish Library Board of Control met on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the Jonesboro Branch of the Jackson Parish Library for the regular monthly board meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Massey, Board President. Members present: Mrs. Essmeier, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Tew, and Mrs. Massey. Also present was Floyd Knox, Judy Robertson, Angela Walsworth, and Michaela Taylor, Coordinator for the Safe Place program. Members absent: Mrs. Standley and Mr. Chatham.

Mrs. Massey led the invocation.

There being no public comments, the Board proceeded with the proposed Agenda.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 27, 2022 regular board meeting. Mrs. Jenkins seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to accept the July and August financial reports. Mrs. Jenkins seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to accept the July and August statistical reports. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Michaela Taylor presented the Board with details about the Safe Place program. Mrs. Tew made the motion for the Jackson Parish Library to join the Safe Place program. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Bids for the Library Park Project were due September 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. However, none were received. No action could be taken on the construction of the project at this time.

The Director presented the Board with a proposed tier system of donations that could be made for the Library Park Project. Mrs. Massey made the motion to adopt the tier system of bids for the Library Park Project. Mrs. Jenkins seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Director presented the Board with a choice of companies to acquire bricks for fundraising for the Library Park Project. Mrs. Nunn made the motion to work with Bricks R Us for acquiring bricks for fundraising for the Library Park Project. Mrs. Jenkins seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Director presented the Board with a choice of companies to acquire benches for fundraising for the Library Park Project. Mrs. Jenkins made the motion to work with Max R for acquiring benches for fundraising for the Library Park Project. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to authorize Angela Walsworth to attend the Louisiana Rural Complete Streets Summit in Baton Rouge on October 6, 2022. She will attend with Police Juror Regina Rowe and LSU Ag Center Agent Cathy Judd to discuss grant opportunities. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Director updated the Board on potential issues of fines that have carried over from different library systems over the years. Details have been lost and it is impossible to inform the patron of what the fine is. Questions have arisen over the possibility of duplication and/or fines that were paid but were carried over anyway. Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to authorize the Director to forgive old fines on a case by case

basis that were carried over from the old library system which contain no details. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Massey made the motion to move Rebecca Shields from the position of Circulation/Reference Specialist to Business Specialist. Mrs. Essmeier seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jenkins made the motion to hire Pamela Stevens for Circulation/Reference Specialist at the Chatham branch contingent upon pre-employment screening and successful completion of probationary period. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Director updated the Board on the current projects. The next scheduled meeting is set for Monday, October 17, 2022.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Carol Massey, Board President

Mr. Floyd Knox, Secretary