

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

VIRTUAL

**February 15, 2022
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Conescu, Patricia Cox, Charles Gaudin, Becky Knight, Judy Mills, James Simmons and Margaret Thompson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Marylyn Haddican, Irene Lunkin, Melissa Muhoberac and Antoinette Scott

OTHER PARISH STAFF: Leighton Ciravolo, Parish Attorney for Library

PUBLIC GUEST: John Livaccari – no comment left before meeting was over.

Margaret called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Cox/Conescu made a motion to dispense with the reading of the December minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Cynthia Jackson, Library Associate, was nominated Honorable Mention for the 2021 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service award. She has been employed part-time with Library for 40 years. Cynthia is retired from the Jefferson Parish School System where she worked as a teacher and in other aspects of the school system. The Library felt the need to nominate a longtime employee that has been an asset.
- Judy reported the Jefferson Parish Historical Commission exceeded the capacity of the room they have been storing their collection at EBR and have been seeking a new location to store their collection. They were informed about space available at WBR when remodeled which will be accepted, but would prefer a separate building if possible. They are accepting memorabilia from the public and have obtained items donated from Mary Curry's Estate, which Marylyn provided space for at the Terrytown Library. The Historical Commission's main task now is to have this collection appraised. Judy will make contact with Faye Phillips as advised by Tulane University. She also asked the Board if they had any suggestions or could point her in the right direction to have the collection appraised. Lisa asked Judy to contact her if she needs help finding other resources.
- Adult Programming Manager Chris Smith reported Special Collections Librarian Gwen Kelley will host 14 virtual genealogy sessions on Monday afternoons starting March 14. Patrons will be able to participate in these virtual genealogy sessions at River Ridge, North Kenner, Belle Terre, and Terrytown and possibly West Bank Regional. He and Gwen are still working out the details for these sessions. Chris' upcoming programs include College Placement hosted by Carol Langston which will be held in the EBR AV conference room and three classes at WBR hosted by LSU Ag

Center. He is also working with music groups to perform at WBR. Chris will share the press releases about these events with the board.

- James reported Councilman Lee has pushed back the date for the groundbreaking at Avondale e-Branch construction site. He will follow up with the Councilman again and share information as he receives it.

Margaret and Becky agreed to serve another term as President and Vice President.

Mills/Conescu made a motion to re-elect Margaret Thompson as President and Becky Knight as Vice-President. Motion carried. All in favor.

Judy inquired when the board would resume to in person meetings. Margaret stated the meetings would remain virtual at least until June. If the COVID statistics improve, we can possibly resume in person meetings in April or May. She does not want to risk putting any members in danger.

Patricia stated the Friends are moving forward with their Big Book Sale March 18-20 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner. They are looking for volunteers to help with the event.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.