

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

East Bank Regional Library – Administration Conference Room
4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001

**August 16, 2022
MINUTES**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

OTHER PARISH STAFF: Megan Grantham, Parish Attorney for Library

GUEST: Chris Smith

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

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

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Chris reported the Library’s Adult Spelling Bee is tomorrow. Participants age 18 and older will be able to participate in the event. It is possible we will have a big crowd; the event was advertised on the news and Scott Walker mentioned he will be present. The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) workers are still using one half of the EBR meeting room; their contract has been extended to 2025. Chris recommends the ERA workers move to another library location as he is limited on programming events he can have at EBR. Upcoming programming include ESL classes on the Westbank to run through the end of the year (Mondays at Gretna Library and Tuesdays at Terrytown Library), Medicare Fraud classes, author events, and JenCare. JenCare mentioned they will come to the Spelling Bee event and distribute prizes.
- September 1st marks the start of the Digital Inclusion Pilot program. The program will allow the library to loan hotspots to patrons, offer computer classes in Spanish, and expand our training classes. Judy recommended we post the classes we will offer on the website.
- This year’s Summer Reading Program (SRP) was a success. Our registrations were 20% more than 2021 and over 1,800 registrants completed the program, 5% more than 2021. Erin and her team did a good job with this year’s SRP.

Judy brought up the leak at Terrytown Library. Selena informed her we are working to have the repairs done.

The proposed meeting time was discussed and all members of the board gave input regarding the proposed time from 4:00 PM to 1:00 PM. It was also mentioned that the meetings should be hybrid.

Knight/Mills moved to change the times of the Regular monthly board meetings from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the option to attend the meeting virtual. Motion passed.

6 – Yeas 1 – Nay (Simmons)

Margaret presented the Library with two books that Katie Cordes asked her to donate to the Jefferson Parish Library. Melissa will forward the books to our Collection Development Dept. for review.

The next meeting is September 20, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.