

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control

April 30, 2002

Board Vice-President, Edward Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:00PM at the Cameron Parish Library. Board members present were John Calzada, Wanita Harrison, Edward Petersen, Cindi Sellers, Madeline Solina. Sallie Sanders was absent.

Guest in attendance were Darrell Williams, Pete Picou and Charlotte Trosclair

Cindi Sellers led the opening prayer.

Madeline Solina led the pledge of allegiance.

Darrell Williams gave a financial report. He explained the overtime report and briefly discussed other areas of the budget, which included buildings and books. Madeline Solina suggested in the future that a board member or two be present when the budget is being drawn up. She explained that she was wondering why nothing was budgeted for a vehicle for library transportation since one is needed because of insurance reasons and the wear and tear of staff vehicles. She said she felt the staff was not being compensated enough for the use of personal vehicles to haul books and other supplies for the library. Mr. Williams explained these things are not a problem that adjustments can be made at any time. Ms. Solina reiterated she felt more time and planning should be put into the budget in the future. Mr. Petersen explained to Mr. Williams that the board had earlier only planned to do two branches this year and two next year, but due to unforeseen events these plans had to be changed. Mrs. Sellers emphasized that the board approves the budget before it is adopted. Ms. Solina expressed that she was not trying to rock the boat, but she had had some questions from the Hackberry community about how the money was being spent and she was just trying to get these answers about how things were budgeted. Mr. Petersen suggested Ms. Trosclair contact Bonnie Conner about the discrepancy in the Johnson Bayou purchase price transfer. Cindi Sellers made a motion to accept the financial report. Madeline Solina seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Mr. Petersen inquired as to at what age are you not charged to drive across the ferry and how does the library go about paying for the bookmobile trips. Ms. Trosclair informed the board that a book of tickets is bought for the bookmobile trips and that each trip across the ferry cost \$.50. Ms. Solina said she would be willing to pay the ferry fees if necessary. Mr. Petersen said it is not a problem, he was just wondering if it was possible for the bookmobile to be exempt. He advised Ms. Trosclair to check into the matter.

Bids for the renovations at the Johnson Bayou Library Branch were discussed. A motion was made by John Calzada to accept the low bidder, AAA Construction, for the

renovation contract. The bid for the renovations was \$31,500.00. Madeline Solina seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Ribbeck Construction was the other bidder.

In other matters, the Grand Chenier Branch was discussed. The Sims family had contacted the library to see if they were interested in purchasing the family store for use as a library. No other information was given as the family is in the process of a succession. The building project for this area was tabled.

7X was tabled, as there was no representative present to discuss their proposal.

Edward Petersen welcomed Pete Picou, Civil Defense representative. Mr. Picou explained that the Civil Defense was interested in using the old bookmobile as a joint venture with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department, Civil Defense and Cameron Parish Police Jury as an emergency mobile unit. The unit would be used in case of hurricanes, other natural disasters, for festivals and holidays for instance Memorial Day or the Fourth of July. Mr. Picou said it was his understanding that an interagency agreement could be used. Mr. Petersen said he felt it would be nice if the library donated the bookmobile to the Civil Defense to be used as a mobile command center. It was decided to put this matter on next month's agenda since the new bookmobile is due in around the first of May. Mr. Picou complimented the library board on its progress. Mr. Picou made the suggestion that the library board should look into obtaining an existing building in the Cameron area for a new main library. The board thanked Mr. Picou for his kind remarks and said they would take his suggestions under consideration.

John Calzada explained that a new compressor for the air conditioner is needed at the Johnson Bayou Library. He explained he felt it was best to purchase a new unit so the library would have a new warranty. Madeline Solina made a motion that three quotes would be obtained on a new unit. John Calzada seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

In other business, the board discussed the handicap ramp for the Hackberry branch. A motion was made by Cindi Sellers to obtain three bids for a concrete ramp. Wanita Harrison seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

The next meeting date was set for May 21, 2002 at 2:00PM at the library.

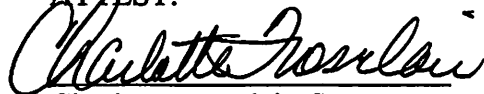
Cindi Sellers made a motion to adjourn. John Calzada seconded the motion. Edward Petersen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Edward Petersen, Board Vice-President

ATTEST:


Charlotte Trosclair, Secretary