IBERVILLE PARISH LIBRARY

BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

24605 J. Gerald Berret Blvd.

February 25, 2021 1:00 P.M.

Board Members Present

Ms. Charlene Bishop

Ms. Jan Drinkwater

Mr. Clotis Johnson

Mr. Mark Murrell-Board President

Ms. Mary Obier

Board Members Not Present

Ms. Tonya Orcino

Mr. Edward Songy- Ex-Officio

Administration-Not Present

Mrs. Wanda Jones, Adm. Assistant

Ms. Deena Thomas

Administration Present

Mr. David Hughes, Assistant Library Director-Virtual

Ms. Yolanda Osborne, HR Director-Virtual

Mr. Michael Staton, Library Director

Meeting was Called to Order by Board President Murrell at 1:15 P.M.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, with necessary corrections, by Ms. Obier, second by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments- None

LIBRARY BOARD MATTERS

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Staton advised the Board that IPC has requested additional documents to submit reimbursement from FEMA, with hopes of some funding coming back to IPL.

Mr. Staton advised the board that most of the libraries in the State are back open to the public, but IPL would need approval of IPC to ease restrictions places on all parish buildings. A meeting was requested between the parish president and the Library Board. Mr. Staton advised the board that he would reach out to Mr. Ourso and Mr. Songy to see if a meeting can be setup between them and the board. Ms. Drinkwater suggested that Mr. Staton email IPC Administration and cc the board.

LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL BYLAWS

A motion was made to approve the Bylaws, by Ms. Bishop, second by Ms. Drinkwater. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTING FOR BOARD POSITIONS

Tabled and Ms. Bishop recommended that Mr. Staton would call and see who was willing to serve. A motion was made to table item C, by Ms. Drinkwater, second by Ms. Bishop. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REMINDER

Ms. Osborne gave the board an update on Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training for YE 2021. She stated that on March 17, 2021 her certification will be renewed for another year. Mr. Staton stated we would plan to do one in May and when it gets closer, we will let everyone rsvp and come up with a time.

REPORTS

STATISTICS

Mr. Staton advised to the board that computer and data base usage was up. He mentioned that IPL was seeing more and more people every week taking advantage of the services.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Staton advised the board that we are still doing the pop-up libraries. Ms. Drinkwater asked if the board could be notified of new hires and staffing positions available.

TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Staton advised the board that Mr. Hughes has been working with the IT companies on minimal updates.

ACTIVITIES

Mr. Staton advised the Board that the staff is trying to do a virtual version of Gray Monkey. The City of Plaquemine is trying to announce Gray Monkey week, working on a proclamation. FIPL ordered new monkeys for this milestone, the 75th Anniversary.

ADJORNMENT

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Mr. Murrell and second by Ms. Bishop. The motion carried unanimously. The time was 2:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES BY		
Mr. Mark Murrell IPL Board President	Date	