

## Library Southwest Minutes – February 17, 2016

Host: Calcasieu Parish Public Library

Present: Howard Coy, Erin Chesnutt, Emily Fontenot, Wesley Saunders, Gabriel Morley, Pam Edwards, Loretta Gharst, Michael Broussard (Calcasieu), Mary Foster-Galasso, Debbie Johnson-Houston, Jessica Hutchings, Helen Curol.

Howard Coy called the meeting to order at 10:08.

1. Financial Report  
Jessica Hutchings presented the LSW financial report. (See attached)
2. Carlberg Award  
Wesley Saunders discussed Beth Vandersteen's nomination for the 2016 Linda Carlberg award.
3. OverDrive Update  
Loretta Gharst and Mike Broussard discussed OverDrive statistics and costs through the first seven weeks of 2016. (See attached.)

Adjourned at 12:15

Libraries Southwest  
Financial Report  
15-Feb-16

Checking Account, Beginning Balance (12/15/2015) 853.45

**Revenues**

Deposit 1-20	1,618.00
Deposit 1-25	842.00
Deposit 2-2	918.00
Deposits that were not previously entered	595.00
Adjustment for Author Dinner Hotel	291.54

**Expenses**

Postmaster 1-19	(15.19)
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Total **5,102.80**

Savings Account, Beginning Balance (12/15/2015) 15,360.78

**Revenues**

Interest	2.13
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**Expenses**

transfer to checking	
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Total **15,362.91**

**Grand Total** **20,465.71**

Vandersteen, Beth LSW Award 2016

Beth Vandersteen

After school student worker, Jackson Parish Library, Jonesboro, LA (1967)

Louisiana Tech University, BA 1973

LSU, MLIS 1976

Louisiana Tech University, MA (elementary education) 1979

Assistant Director, Rapides Parish Library \*1982\* - 2007

LLA hosted in Alexandria in 1990s

LLA Award 1994

Coming Up Taller Award, Laura Bush, for Preschool Outreach program 2005

LLA conference co-chair 2005

Attended PLA in Boston in 2005.

Keynote Speaker (Importance of Library Paraprofessionals) LaSSAL 2006

Human Relations Award, City of Alexandria Human Relations Commission 2007

Initiated construction of new buildings in Glenmora and Hineston 2007

Director, West Baton Rouge Parish, 2008-

LSTA Advisory Committee 2012

State Library Board of Examiners, renewal 2014 (through 2019)

WBR tax renewal 2014

LLA Distinguished Service Award 2015

Looking to expand WBR with construction of an outreach center (Feb 2016)

"The memories I treasure the most about that first tour were the encounters with the people who supported an unknown author. Lois Grant and Beth Vandersteen of Rapides Parish Library in Louisiana were the first two people to respond enthusiastically to my request to speak. They hosted two receptions for me, one at the main library in Alexandria and one at the small branch in Lecompte near my grandparents' homes."

Kimberly Willis Holt

Husband, Buck Vandersteen, Executive Director Louisiana Forestry Association  
Daughter Kathryn graduated from La. Tech.  
Son Eric