

Facebook post following the February 6, 2025 meeting of the St Tammany Parish Council, from St. Tammany Library Accountability Project member who also gave STP councilmen gifts at that meeting.



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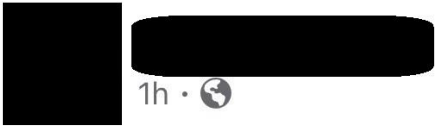
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**TIME TO OPEN THE BOOKS!!**

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