

## Fairhope Museum of History

### Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

Attendees: Sherry Sullivan, Abby Dunlap, Curt Cochran, Donnie Barrett and Jim Bates. The quarterly meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. Minutes from the October 2015 board meeting were distributed and approved.

Director Barrett presented the museum accession list covering the fourth quarter of 2015. All items were approved for acceptance.

Jim Bates presented the museum visitor totals as follows:

- Fourth quarter: October - 1,749, November - 1,108, December - 1,267 Total Q4 – 4,124. (Average 1375/mo. - 65/day)
- **Total for 2015: 20,376**

Director report:

- The IT department continues programming our first Touch Screen after several months. Sherry Sullivan is going to see if she can expedite the project.
- The People's Railroad project is going well. We had a "Silver Spike" event on Tuesday January 5th to mark the completion of the track.
- The museum will again be open for the Mardi Gras parades so volunteer staffing is underway.
- The 2016 Satsuma Blossom Festival plans are coming together. This year's festival will be on April 16th and will feature several music acts.
- The next major exhibit at the museum will be about the town founders. Construction should begin in May.
- Currently under repair are the safe and front door locks. These repairs should be completed within the next 10 days. Also, the jail keys have disappeared so we are in the process of replacing those.
- We have located several Marie Howland photographs at California State University, Fresno. They have agreed to send these to us at no charge upon receipt of a copyright agreement of which we are awaiting the mayor's signature.

Sherry Sullivan requested visitor counts for 2010 through 2015 as part of the submission to the Alabama Dept. of Tourism's "Attraction of the Year" award.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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