

# Fairhope Museum of History

## Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2016

Attendees: Sherry Sullivan, John Taratsas, Catherine King, Abby Dunlap, Curt Cochran, Wayne Brunson, Donnie Barrett and Jim Bates. The quarterly meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. Minutes from the July 2016 board meeting were distributed and approved.

Assistant Director Bates presented the museum accession list covering the third quarter of 2016. All items were approved for acceptance.

Jim Bates presented the Q3 2016 museum visitor totals as follows:

- July - 1,691, August - 1,387, September - 999
- Total Q3 – 4,077 (Average 1,359/month and 62/day)
- Based on these numbers, 2016 is tracking up 5% over 2015.

Director Report:

- Director Barrett reported on the July Historic Bus Tours and Elderberry Festival held in August noting that both were very successful in generating significant revenue and increased exposure for the museum.
- The museum, thanks to the Museum Friends organization, was very well represented during the Art on a Limb event held in September and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the overall Tree Decorating competition. Sherry Sullivan reported that the event raised over \$10,000.
- Our next major exhibit about the founding of Fairhope is nearing completion and special thanks was given to volunteers who helped with the construction. We anticipate completion by the end of October.
- We have received two significant artifact loans from Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. One is a large collection of area maps dating from the early 1940's to more recent years, and the other is a collection of currency and printing plates used when Fairhope was just starting out. Catherine King was very instrumental in procuring the currency and printing plates.
- The Roundup Day movie will premiere on Saturday November 5 here at the museum. The public is invited and the city will provide lunch for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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