

Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday, January 17, 2017

The meeting was held in the Fairhope Public Library's board room. Martin Lanaux called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Also in attendance were- Dan Stankoski, Frieda Ward, Alison Knight, Tamara Dean- Library Director and Jimmy Conyers-City Council Liaison.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 21, 2016 meetings were reviewed and approved with all voting in favor.

Reports: The Monthly Statistical Report, Employee Report and Financial Statement were reviewed and approved with the following correction – the total number of Internet users for December should be corrected from 820 to 3,129. Alison Knight asked if page numbers could be added to statistical reports in the future for ease in following along.

Tamara Dean distributed an article, "What is a Library Worth?"

Tamara Dean reported that there had been no rain damage following the recent rain event. Library staff used a tarp which caught the rain before it could cause permanent damage.

Tamara Dean reported that the City of Fairhope is giving the library \$814,600.00 (the 2015 appropriation) as per an extension of the current budget pending resolution of the new city budget. The library has asked for \$856,000.00 for library operating expenses in 2017.

Tamara Dean expressed concern about paying \$15, 747.00 Workman's Compensation which is due on February 2, 2017.

Tamara Dean reported that Mike Robbins (a financial advisor to Mayor Wilson) has asked her to provide data making comparisons between the Fairhope, Daphne and Foley libraries. He has asked her to make sure that the key metrics are the same for all three libraries. Tamara is concerned that it will be difficult to compare the libraries equally. For instance, the Foley library E-book collection is connected to the Foley public school system and therefore the number of E-book users provided by Foley includes library users as well as Foley public school students. Likewise, the Daphne Library and the Daphne Recreation Department are connected in some areas. Frieda Ward, Dan Stankoski and Jimmy Conyers recommended that Tamara send the requested spreadsheet to Mike Robbins with notations on these discrepancies.

Tamara Dean reported on a meeting which took place regarding the homeless people living outside the library. She said that Chief Pettis is working on a solution.

Tamara Dean reported that the Library Foundation had reached its goal and was able to furnish the library with a Maker Lab.

Tamara Dean reminded Board members about the 10th anniversary celebration taking place on Saturday, January 20, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and "Chocolate & Champagne" which is the Friends of the Fairhope Libraries biggest annual fundraiser and will be held on February 11, 2017.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM. The next Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Knight