

Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday, February 20, 2017

The meeting was held in the Fairhope Public Library's board room. Martin Lanaux called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 January 17, 2017 meetings were reviewed. Frieda Ward recommended that the word "discrepancies" be replaced with the word "differences" in the 4th paragraph from the bottom. All else was approved with all voting in favor.

Reports: The Monthly Statistical Report, Employee Report and Financial Statement were reviewed. Tamara noted that the number of Internet users for January should be corrected from 761 users to 3,577 users. Tamara also reported that Instant Flix will be eliminated at the end of February. Frieda Ward asked about an employee who is no longer working at the library. Tamara explained that the employee had been terminated. Frieda expressed her disappointment that the Board was not notified prior to the termination. Martin Lanaux clarified that Tamara is in charge of personnel. Frieda Ward asked about line items #201 and #206 and why there was a discrepancy from last month's balance. Tamara will check into this and report back to the Board. With these corrections, the reports were approved with all voting in favor.

The February 17, 2017 meeting with Mayor Wilson was discussed. Frieda Ward made the point that the Fairhope Public Library is a county wide service both providing and receiving books from libraries all over the county. Dan Stankoski said that due to the Mayor's concerns about people outside of the city limits receiving services that she be made aware of this. It was noted that the Fairhope City Council had established the Library Board of Trustees to be responsible for the operation of the Fairhope Public Library. Frieda Ward presented an Alabama Statute Code of Regulations. It is her impression that it would not be legal for the library to be run by the City.

Jimmy Conyers anticipates that the issue of part time vs. full time employee benefits will be a key concern for the Mayor. He also said that the only reason that the City is looking at making the library a department of the city is because of Obamacare insurance rules.

Tamara Dean reported that she went ahead and paid the \$15, 747.00 Workman's Compensation which was due on February 2, 2017 despite the fact that the city appropriation (2015/2016 budget) does not cover over \$12,000.00.

Jimmy Conyers reported that Dan Ames, City of Fairhope Purchasing Manager, said that the engineer doing the analysis of the Fairhope Public Library building is doing an extremely thorough job.

Tamara reported on an upcoming exhibit, coming to the library on March 6, which focuses on war memorials.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM. The next Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Knight