

Fairhope Museum of History

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Attendees: Donnie Barrett, Sherry Sullivan, Catherine King, Connie Stejskal, John Taratsas, and Jim Bates. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from the October 2013 board meeting were distributed and approved.

Museum Director Barrett reported 23,000 visitors in 2013 up from 22,000 in 2012.

Director Barrett presented the museum accession list covering 2013. All items were approved for acceptance.

Director Barrett discussed a possible revision to this year's Round-Up Day with the cemetery as a possible location and holding the event during the day.

Looking out into 2014 once the Civil War exhibit is completed in April, we will search for a touch-screen system budgeted for this year, as well as revisiting options for a People's R.R. Exhibit.

The pottery exhibit is being dismantled making room for an exhibit of "Tools that don't work anymore" leading up to the Smithsonian "The Way We Worked" exhibit coming in February. Doris Allegri has agreed to let us hold onto her effigy head collection which we will be moving downstairs. Crates for the Smithsonian exhibit will be arriving on February 10 and we plan to complete the installation by February 14. The exhibit will run from February 15 to March 29.

The Civil War exhibit will go up immediately following the Smithsonian exhibit and will remain through Arts & Crafts in 2015.

Long-range plans include a Bay Boat exhibit in 2015 and a Fairhope Founders exhibit in 2016.

The Satsuma Blossom Festival on April 26 is coming along well. Docent Emogene DeMaagd is coordinating this event and reports that several groups and performers have committed to participate.

With Pete Bremer resigning from the Museum Board, the search continues for a replacement. John Taratsas has recommended former football player, Bill Cody.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.