

## Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees

*Monday, January 19, 2015*

The meeting was held in Fairhope Public Library's board room. Martin Lanaux called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Also in attendance were - Cecil Christenberry, Frieda Ward, Molly Peterson, Council Member Diana Brewer, and Tamara Dean, Library Director. Arriving a few minutes late was James Watkins, reporting for the *Fairhope Times*.

**Minutes:** The October meeting minutes were approved with all voting in favor.

**Reports:** Tamara presented the library employee, statistical, and financial reports. She noted that the Zenio subscription was renewed for another year and that due to state reporting requirements, WIFI usage would now be included in the statistical report. With board approval, Tamara will also investigate the cost of an updated modem that tracks/counts the number of unique accesses. Tamara noted that Julia Gray had returned to work, off of FMLA. With Diana asking about the status of the Hollis Memorial Garden and funds, Tamara reported on the project including drainage issues on the site. She also gave a brief review of the history of the project and the development of the library landscaping committee. Tamara offered to bring the garden design plans to the February meeting and to invite a member of the committee to attend the next meeting to report on the project and their fundraising efforts. The reports were then accepted as presented.

**New Business:** The new Year-End statistics were presented in a graphic one page format. Some board members suggested that a less cluttered format might be used in the future to make it easier to consume these great facts and figures.

Tamara reported on a personnel matter regarding a request for extended leave of absence. The Board recommended following the policy in the approved Personnel Manual.

She also reported on a matter regarding the library's "No Guns in the Library" signage. A patron challenged the posting of the sign and after research conducted by the City's attorney, it was concluded that the library is a public space and restrictions on guns should be treated the same as in other public spaces. The sign was taken down.

**Old Business:** Frieda gave another overview of the selection process for new board members. The Board voted to submit Fairhope citizen Alison Knight's name for consideration by the City Council and Mayor as a new Library Board member. The Board also approved a motion to consider a change of the number of sitting Board members from 5 to 7, pending a review of existing City ordinances. Tamara will coordinate with Lisa Hanks to review those ordinances before the next meeting.

Due to Mardi Gras conflicts, those present agreed that the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: **Molly M. Peterson**