

Minutes FPL BOT Meeting

April 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Frieda Ward, Vice President, at 6:04 p.m.

Present were Cecil Christenberry, Molly Peterson, Alison Knight, Frieda Ward, and James Watkins. Absent was Martin Lanaux.

The minutes from March 23, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

Reports:

Monthly reports were reviewed and the following noted:

Monthly statistics: Feb and March statistics for WIFI usage are not available yet.

Employee report: Tamara Dean, Director, announced the hiring of Rob Gourlay as Circulation Supervisor.

Financial: Assumption of maintenance materials costs for the coming financial year was discussed. It was agreed that budgeting for these costs will need to be done differently than in the past. Tamara was asked to prepare a list of materials and items, and associated service costs, that we believe the library will be expected to assume. After this list is reviewed and studied, the BOT will seek understanding from Mayor Kant if the list can be considered accurate and where necessary, clarification of responsibilities. The BOT discussed the difficulty of budgeting for these costs. LED lighting replacement was discussed with several BOT members reporting poor performance at home and suggested research on commercial use before changing.

Reports from the Director:

The Friends of the Fairhope Public Library (FFPL) donated \$20,000 to the library from their Chocolate and Champagne Fundraiser. \$15,000 is to be used for technology, and \$5,000 for the Summer Reading Program.

The FFPL have agreed to pay for cleaning the Library windows and having the carpet cleaned. The windows have been cleaned and the carpet will be cleaned after the summer reading programs.

The library Foundation's annual HOOT SCOOT fundraiser will be Friday, April 24th. The after race party will be at the Windmill Market.

New Business:

Tamara reported on the celebration for the Library's achievement of the Gold Standard of Excellence held at the Grand Hotel during the annual ASLA meeting. The BOT will send a card

to all library employees congratulating them on their collective efforts to achieve this milestone.

As outlined in the by-laws, election of officers for the next year was held during this meeting (annual meeting is April of every year). Elected were Martin Laneaux, President, Cecil Christenberry, Vice-President, and Frieda Ward, Secretary. Terms are for one year.

Staggering terms of member appointments was discussed. Frieda Ward will report at the next meeting what the Manual for the BOT for AL Libraries states.

Old Business:

Strategy for securing use of the 2nd floor of the library continued. Tamara continues to look for the original lease between the City and Faulkner State. Cecil reported that during a conversation with Gary Branch, Vice President of Faulkner State, that Dr. Branch said it was imperative for them to continue use of the 2nd floor. After the adjournment of this meeting, the Board will tour the second floor area in Faulkner's current use.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Ward, secretary