

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

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

The meeting was held in Fairhope Public Library's board room. Martin Lanaux called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Also in attendance were - Cecil Christenberry, Frieda Ward, Molly Peterson, Alison Knight, Tamara Dean, Library Director, and James Watkins, reporting for the *Fairhope Times*.

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

**Reports:** Tamara gave short explanations of the statistical reports, for the benefit our our new board member. She also briefly described the Mango and Zenio subscription products. When reviewing the financial report, there was discussion about the need to clean the library's carpets and the other building maintenance items that were no longer serviced by the City. These items will need to be added to the library's budget for 2015-16.

**Old Business:** Following some clarification from the City Clerk, Frieda made a motion all voted in favor to rescind a previous motion at the January meeting to change the Board make-up from 5 members to 7. The Library Board remains a 5 member body. A link was provided to board members present that allows online access to the *Handbook of Best Practices for AL Boards of Trustees*.

**New Business:** The annual Staff Day was changed to April 9th so that library employees could attend the statewide AlaLA meeting in Point Clear when the FPL will be recognized for achieving and awarded the Gold Level Status. Board members, friends, and the City Council will be invited to the awards tea. Tamara will proceed with press releases and media coverage of the award.

New board member Alison Knight was welcomed. The other four board members agreed to be reappointed by the City Council to server another term on the library board.

There was discussion regarding a strategy for securing use of the 2nd floor of the library for library use beginning December 2015, after the Faulkner contract expires. Tamara will locate and make available to Martin the original contract. Cecil will contact FSCC to see if they still have need of the space. The board agreed to discuss options with Diana and ask for her advice on proceeding with this effort.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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