

Fairhope Museum of History

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

Attendees: Mike Ford, Sherry Sullivan, Catherine King, Wayne Brunson, Abby Dunlap, John Taratsas, Donnie Barrett and Jim Bates. The quarterly meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. Minutes from the July 2015 board meeting were distributed and approved.

Director Barrett presented the museum accession list covering the third quarter of 2015. All items were approved for acceptance.

Museum attendance for the third quarter as follows: July - 1,497, August - 1,429, September - 1,053 Total Q3 – 3,979. (Average 1326/mo. - 62/day)

Director report:

- Director Barrett recapped the July Bus Tours and August Elderberry Festival noting the success and popularity of both.
- The IT department is programming our first Touch Screen. Jim Bates shared a photograph of the unit which was built by city employees. All agreed that it is an impressive looking machine and should work well here at the museum.
- The People's Railroad project is awaiting quotes for the rear wheels. We anticipate awarding the bid in the next week. These will be purchased by the Friends organization.
- FSTC has approved our plans to perform the Roundup Day play in the Colony Cemetery. The play will have two performances at 11:00 and 2:00 on Saturday November 14, 2015. All but one part has been assigned.
- Mayor Nix will once again speak at our Tea for Two on Tuesday October 13, 2015. We have produced a special flyer to help draw a larger audience for his talk.

Sherry Sullivan suggested that we video some of our Tea speakers as an additional archive. With digital capabilities, this could be done effectively and at a low cost.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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