

Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees  
Monday, May 21, 2018

The meeting was held in the Fairhope Public Library's board room. Martin Lanaux called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Also in attendance were Dan Stankoski, Frieda Ward, Tamara Dean, Jimmy Conyers and Alison Knight

The March and April Meeting Minutes and Statistical Reports were reviewed, Martin Lanaux moved and Frieda Ward seconded that the reports be approved as submitted with all voting in favor.

The Financial Reports were reviewed. Frieda Ward asked why some of the numbers were going down from March to April. Tamara Dean said she would look into this and report back. Martin Lanaux moved and Frieda Ward seconded that the Financial Reports be approved as submitted pending Tamara's report with all voting in favor.

Jimmy Conyers made a report on the bids received for the repairs to the Fairhope Public Library Building. The prices received were about 1 ½ times what was anticipated for the cost to be. Jimmy reported that the Fairhope City Council members were suffering from sticker shock. He said that both of the companies that submitted bids were extremely reputable. Jimmy has asked Richard Peterson to contact the low bidder and attempt to value engineer the project. Richard informed Jimmy that if the project were value engineered any more than 10% the project would have to be rebid. Jimmy reported that some Council members thought that it was important to "bite the bullet" and get on down the road with the project. Others felt that they could not let the contractors "have their way with us." Dan Stankoski pointed out that the construction industry is very bust at this time so that work will come at a premium. Jimmy said the Council would be meeting on Tuesday, May 29 to discuss the matter.

Jimmy asked if the library could use its "reserves" to help with paying for the project. A long conversation followed. Martin Lanaux moved that the Library Board of Trustees would think about Jimmy's proposal. Frieda Ward seconded the motion. The motion died for lack of votes.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Knight