

Meeting of the Advisory Board of the Fairhope Museum of History

(“No quorum, minutes not required”-Notes taken by Darby Wiik)

Meeting was held at Fairhope Museum of History

October 17, 2018 - 4:03pm

In attendance: John Taratasas-Board Member; Catherine King-Board Member & Docent; Phillip Bolin-Museum Director; Darby Wiik-Museum Assistant

Quorum not reached, minutes not required, but notes:

(Could not approve April and July minutes because no quorum)

Discussion of the roles of museum staff – As the museum assistant, the group is wondering: Is Darby a member of the board or liaison? As the museum director, what is Phillip’s role? Phillip said he is organizing the meetings by setting the agenda and said his position/title within this advisory board would be that of President.

Discussion of a veteran’s exhibit lead by John Taratasas – There may be some connection with B&B Pecan. John said he would do some research and would be in touch with Phillip. Catherine suggested a video of snapshots.

John requested a roster of board members. Action item – Who? Not determined.

Phillip discussed the museum’s collections – He said he has seen silverfish and mice. Darby and Phillip discussed that is just one aspect of the museum and many people do not realize how many people it takes to run a museum. John said he felt the list of museum jobs / duties provided was for larger museums. Catherine, Darby and Phillip discussed the reality that even a small museum requires all of the functions listed.

Catherine suggested Phillip might outline how many people he needs. How to work into the scheme of things / budget-wise – staff, facility, computer equipment, etc. Show where you are, what you’d like to do, how you’d like to get there. Suggested calling a special meeting.

Budget – John asked if the museum has one? Phillip said he’d bring it to the next meeting.

John said he believes Fairhope Single Tax Corporation paid Donnie’s salary for a number of years but isn’t sure. Darby said she had not heard of this before and Donnie retired with 10 years at the City so this could perhaps only be possible if there was a stipend or something in the budget but she hadn’t heard this before. John suggested perhaps FSTC could be approached for funding of a salary for help? Would need a concrete need articulated.

It was discussed that it would be helpful to have City Council liaison to discuss issues.

John suggested a sign be posted in the restroom reminding people not to put paper towels into the toilet.

Reaffirmed – It was suggested again that perhaps another meeting could be held with more attendees. Phillip discussed contacting those who were not in attendance and calling a special meeting.

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