

Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday, March 25, 2019

The meeting was held in the Fairhope Public Library Board Room. Martin Lanaux called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Also in attendance were Dan Stankoski, Frieda Ward, Tamara Dean, and Alison Knight.

The February Meeting Minutes, Monthly Statistical Reports, Financial Statement and Employee Reports were reviewed and approved with all voting in favor.

Dan Stankoski asked Tamara Dean when she would start preparing the library budget. Tamara said she would probably start in May. She will write to Mayor Wilson and ask her when she needs the budget.

Dan Stankoski asked Tamara Dean about a letter she had forwarded from the Director of the Alabama Public Library Service saying that "The White house released its budget proposal for FY 2020. The administration has proposed to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) which provides approximately \$189.3 million in direct funding to libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The proposal also cuts Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program administered by the Department of Education." Dan asked Tamara what impact that this would have on the Fairhope Public Library budget. Tamara will look in to this.

Tamara Dean reported that a new Self-Check-Out station will be installed on April 17, 2019. This is being paid for by the Friends of the Fairhope Public Library.

Tamara Dean reported that library staff is working on a LSTA Grant for 2019 which would strengthen community history and preservation events. She reported on four upcoming programs:

1. Thursday, March 28 -Frazine Taylor-African-American Geneology & Family History Workshops. 1:30-3:30pm-Making the Slave connection and 5:30-7:30pm-Useful records for overcoming the Challenges of African-American Genealogical Research
2. Wednesday, April 10 at 2:00pm-Scanning Party (Patrons may bring personal documents and images for digitization).
3. Thursday, April 11, 5:30pm-Michael Marr will be showing the "Fairhope Stories" film.
4. Thursday, April 18, 10:30am-Pinky Bass will present local and family history through photographs.

Alan Samry is working on a LSTA Grant for 2020 for a Writing Center at the Fairhope Public Library.

Tamara Dean reported that Cheryl Bradley will be retiring on April 30, 2019.

Tamara Dean reported that the repairs to the building were almost complete with just some touch up painting still to be done. The work trailer will be removed on Wednesday March 27 and testing will take place the first week in April.

Dan Stankoski asked Tamara Dean what kind of warrantee there was on the work. Tamara said there was a 30 year warrantee on roof materials and 1 year for the contractor.

Dan Stankoski suggested that a thank you letter be written to The City of Fairhope for a job well done.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM. The next Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:00pm. Respectfully submitted by Alison Knight