

Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, March 17, 2014

The meeting was held in Fairhope Public Library's upstairs conference room and was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Martin Lanaux. Others in attendance were Cecil Christenberry, Frieda Ward, Councilwoman Diana Brewer, Susan Diemert – Technical Services Librarian, and Tamara Dean – Library Director. Also present was James Watkins – author of the Fairhope Times BLOG. Minutes for the February meeting were not available.

Tamara Dean gave the review of the library employee, statistical, and financial reports. An open discussion on the statistics was held to familiarize Mr. Watkins with the number of patrons that actively use our library and its services. The three reports were accepted as presented.

A discussion was held on how to best to honor the generous financial support of Mrs. Iris Meinama to the new library while still respecting her wishes. Ms. Dean will follow up with several of her personal acquaintances and report at the next meeting.

Tamara noted upcoming programs to be held in the library, including the Tribute to the Battle of Mobile Bay, to be held in March, and the 4-week series to discuss and watch Shakespearean Plays, to be held in April.

The Foundation of the Fairhope Public Library is hosting their 6th annual Hoot Scoot on April 25th. Erin Hendricks is chairing the event and Scott Dumas, co-owner of Pinzones is providing the after race food and drinks.

The next Chocolate and Champagne Fantasy Fundraiser, an annual project of the Friends of the Fairhope Public Library, will be held on January 31, 2015.

Erik Cortinas, with the City, has been very helpful in addressing some of the chronic facility problems. A meeting with Matt Walcott concerning the HVAC is being planned for next week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frieda Ward