Minutes of Meeting: Fairhope Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday, May 19, 2014

The meeting was held in Fairhope Public Library's upstairs conference room and was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Martin Lanaux. Others in attendance were Molly Peterson, Councilwoman Diana Brewer, Frieda Ward, Cecil Christenberry, James Watkins with the Fairhope Times Blog, and Tamara Dean – Library Director.   Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Reports:

Library director, Tamara Dean, gave a review of the Library employee, statistical, and financial reports. Frieda asked about library procedures for granting vacation leave for non-closed holidays. Tamara explained that staff requests are usually honored, but seniority is considered in case of conflicts and the final recommendation is made by the department head. After that discussion, the three reports were accepted as presented.

Business:

Martin read a letter of resignation, effective immediately, submitted by Board member Carson Nicolson. The Board discussed then agreed to a process for soliciting a new member, as outlined by Frieda and in line with the process used to fill the last two board vacancies. Board membership terms of service, per the Code of Alabama, will be reviewed by Tamara.

Martin reviewed a response by Mayor Kant to the Bill Porter letter from last month and there was discussion regarding the Board's response to Mr. Porter. The Board agreed to support the library employees and the Library Director in this matter. Martin will compose a written reply with copies to Mayor Kant and all board members.

Mr. Watkins initiated a conversation regarding the local "little free libraries" in our community with reference to the website supporting this personal lending library which also includes locations of such libraries around the U.S.

The Board agreed that there would be no meeting in June or July. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted on June 6, 2014 by: **Molly M. Peterson**