

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF January 5, 2011**

Sue Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 12:35p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Sue Johnson, Linda Coyle, Linda Courtney, Sharon Tipton, and Library Director, Brenda Cheatham. Kim Holliday was absent.

Minutes were approved as presented on motion by Linda Coyle and second by Linda Courtney.

**Citizen's comments and announcements:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current bank balance is 376.87, with \$229.00 belonging to the journaling club, leaving balance of \$147.87 for the board plus Kim's planned deposit of petty cash of \$8.41 to the account.

**Friend's Report:** None

**Director's Report:** The library will not have hard copy IRS forms, but will assist people to print them from the computers. There will be a limited number of booklets available.

The Houston Area Library System is sponsoring a one hour seminar on Jan 10, 2011 at the League City library. Author, William Hill will be speaking. The Journaling club plans to go to this presentation.

Brenda spoke about her concerns related the young people, ages 9-14 who hang around the library and the park area after school. They are rude and threatening. These kids don't have anywhere to go after school and Brenda has contacted City Manager, Joe Dickson, and the police chief to meet with her regarding possible solutions. Brenda sees this as a community problem, affecting the schools, surrounding businesses and the children themselves. The City lacks the resources to provide police presence at the library and the problem is larger than just the safety here. Brenda will keep us informed about possible initiatives to work toward a solution. Perhaps a community center is the answer.

Brenda handed out an article re: changing the library's image and tying it to education. She asked each of us to read it. The title is "Transforming Our Image Through Words That Work"

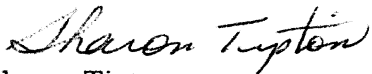
**Old Business:** None. There was no report on expansion

**New Business:** None

Next Friends of the Library meeting is Jan 20, 2011. No one has accepted the presidency yet.

The next LAB meeting will be April 20, 2011 at 12:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30p.m. on a motion from Sharon Tipton, seconded by Linda Coyle.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Tipton".

Sharon Tipton  
Secretary