

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF July 8, 2015**

Sue Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm. The following board members were in attendance: Sue Johnson, Linda Coyle, Vicki Franzke, Kim Holliday and Library Director, Brenda Cheatham.

Kim moved to approve the minutes as corrected with Linda seconding. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen's comments and announcements: None

Treasurer's Report:

There has been no change in the account. The balance is still \$157.28

Friend's Report: None

Director's Report:

With the State Legislature passing the new open carry law. Libraries are researching how this law applies and how to provide a safe and friendly atmosphere to all patrons.

The library received the 'Bots & Books grant from Connecting Texas Libraries Statewide (CTLS). This 'Bots & Books kit is a robotics program for ages 7 – 11. The library should receive 8 of these kits including the laptops that run the specific robotics software.

Our library has been invited to join the Gulf Coast Reads program. The book selected is "The Promise", by Anne Weisgarber that is a fictional story taking place during the 1900 storm. The program runs through the month of October. Brenda is planning several displays and events to coincide with the book.

Brenda is working on the 2016 Budget. She proposed a budget of \$228,061 for 2016, The 2015 budget was \$215,351.

The city manager sent out a Planning and Zoning commission priority list. The library expansion is listed at #4 out of 7 items.

Old Business:

The Santa Fe Education Foundation held a Spelling Bee fundraiser with members from the Friends group as one of the team participants. They took 2nd place.

New Business:

The slate of officers presented for 2015-2016: Sue Johnson will continue as President, Kim Holliday will be VP/ Secretary. Linda moved to accept this slate of officers with Kim seconding. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Kim moved that we donate the remaining balance in our account, \$157.28, to the Friends of the Library and close the account. Sue gave the 2nd. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Heritage Festival has been cancelled. Other groups are trying to put something else together. The FOL group will make the decision to join or come up with another fundraiser.

Library expansion plans are now being redirected to library remodeling. We have approximately \$400k to use for this renovation. The current plans include an addition being added at the back wall adding approximately 1300 sq. ft. This new area would be for computers and a quiet seating area. The current computer area would be changed to a teen lounge space. Kim moved to have a planning meeting and was seconded by Linda. This motion passed unanimously. The planning meeting has been set for July 28th at the library beginning at 12:30. Everyone is encouraged to think of ideas and look at the dembointeriors.com website for colors, wallpaper, and furnishing ideas.

The next LAB meeting will be October 7, 2015 at 12:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. on a motion from Vicki, seconded by Linda Coyle.

Kim Holliday
Secretary