

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES April 8 2015**

Sue Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 12:38 pm. The following board members were in attendance: Sue Johnson, Sharon Tipton, Vicki Franzke, and Kim Holliday. Library Director, Brenda Cheatham was also present. Linda Coyle was absent. Elaine Tacquard was present to work on packets for the mystery dinner.

Minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting were approved on motion by Kim and seconded by Sue.

Treasurer's Report: No change in bank account. Balance is \$157.28.

Director's Report: Brenda is still working on getting the drop box installed. City workers were not able to do the concrete work, but Chris Beanland said his street department workers could pour the concrete. The only bid Brenda had received was for \$900.00, but the street department will do the work for \$175.00. She reported that the summer reading program's theme will be super heroes.

Old Business: Mystery Dinner. Cathy Daeumer is chair. Vicky has four sponsors signed up. Sharon and Cathy will be going to Party City for decorations. Kayleigh will be doing table decorations and has offered to do the hosting chores. Brenda discussed the fact that the Texas Library Association "best practices" indicate that no Board Member can chair a Friends fund raiser so Vicki will be unable to chair the Heritage Festival. Sharon announced she has resigned from the Board so that she can take a more active role in the Friends. The packets for participants will be assembled after the meeting today. Kim remarked that a committee chair should be the organizer for an event, but not do all the work. The chair's job is to be sure the pieces come together. Kim said that she will prepare a booklet for committees to use which will be ready when the new FOL year starts in August after the summer break.

Library Expansion-Brenda reported she and Joe Dickson have not been able to contact the grant writer, Nick Foster. Joe was going to ask Joe Guisti to check with him. After discussion the group decided that perhaps rather than an expansion, a remodel might be the better answer. New carpet and roof work are needed and that should be paid from the city budget, but our funds would go a long way toward remodeling other aspects of the library.

The next LAB meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 12:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm by unanimous agreement.

Sharon Tipton, Secretary