

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES January 7, 2015**

Sue Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. The following board members were in attendance: Sue Johnson, Linda Coyle, Sharon Tipton, Vicki Franzke, and Kim Holliday. Library Director, Brenda Cheatham was also present.

**Minutes** of the October 1, 2014 meeting were approved on motion by Kim and seconded by Linda.

**Treasurer's Report:** No change in bank account. Balance is \$157.28. We discussed closing the account, but decided to hold it open.

**Director's Report:** Brenda said she will be presenting her 'wish list' to the Friends group next week. That includes funds for Advantage Titles, a drive by book drop, about \$2,700, a TV for behind the desk which would provide library and civic information. A 32" with software is about \$400.00. Also she is still working on some type of advertisement. The idea of signs on buses might not work out. The buses use natural gas and the signs can get in the way of the fueling. The Santa Fe Education committee also has a website where we might advertise. Also signs on the fence near the track by the schools may be an option. She is also interested in a laminating machine at about \$3,000. Funds are always welcome for the summer reading program. Sharon suggested she may want to prioritize the list for the Friends. She says she will work on other fund sources for what the Friends cannot fund. Advantage Titles can be purchased with county tax dollars, for example. She explained that Advantage Titles can be purchased through the Overdrive dashboard via the library's digital consortium, Houston Area Database Consortium. This includes libraries in several counties. This consortium can get better prices on programs like Overdrive which allow patrons to reserve best sellers for electronic reading. Unfortunately the waiting lists can be long so the Advantage titles are books that Brenda purchases directly for our library. This shortens the list greatly. Our consortium, which includes 4 County Systems and 11 stand alone libraries, represents about 6 million patrons.

Brenda has ordered tax forms. These can also be printed and the library will do that for patrons for free. The need is for the instruction books. Last year they came very late. She is hopeful to receive them earlier this year.

**Old Business:**

Heritage Festival-FOL Project Chair, Sharon reported that the Heritage Festival was a success for the library. Booth took in \$1,771.75 with \$566.75 expenses, mostly for start up cash. Profit was \$1,205.00. Our 5 way split was \$757.40 for a total profit of \$1962.40. This was up nearly \$300.00 over 2013.

Christmas tree lighting-This was a big success in spite of bad weather. The door counter showed about 600 people attended. This is much larger than the event was when held at City Hall.

**New Business:**

Mystery dinner- Kim suggested we use the Cinco d Mayo dinner plan. The Friends will discuss next week, decide on the theme and the date. Brenda said that Lila and Jim Anderson who attended the last mystery dinner are offering to prepare food for the event.

Library Expansion-Brenda reported she and Joe Dickson have not been able to contact the grant writer, Nick Foster. If no progress had been made by the April meeting we will have to think of some other way to get the writing done.

**The next LAB meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 12:30pm.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm by unanimous agreement.

Sharon Tipton, Secretary