

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES October 1, 2014**

Sue Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. The following board members were in attendance: Sue Johnson, Linda Coyle, Sharon Tipton, and Vicki Franzke. Kim Holliday was absent. Library Director, Brenda Cheatham was also present. **Minutes** of the July 2, 2014 meeting were approved on motion by Linda and seconded by Vicki.

Treasurer's Report: None

Director's Report:

*Brenda reported that attendance at the summer program was up 160%. Number of books read was about average with 129 children reading the books. The local teachers are partnering with the library more due to summer programs and Julie sharing props and supplies with them. Brenda reported that she was approached by SFISD's Social Studies Curriculum Specialist PK-12, Ryan Cox, to partner with the JH History teachers in an effort to help students complete a historical research project using the guidelines of the National History Day competition (nhd.org). The 2014 theme is *Leadership and Legacy in History*.

*Brenda reported that the Christian fiction is now being shelved with other books rather than having its own section, due to space constraints. Freeing up space has allowed the set up of two IPADS with teen and tween materials. She reported that she will apply for a J. Frank Dobie grant, which is only for print books. This will be used for Junior non-fiction purchases.

*On the expansion front, Brenda has been unable to reach Nick Foster, grant writer for Galveston County, for an update on the status of any grant applications.

*Brenda referenced an earlier flyer sent from Jodi Gidley about ways to support the Santa Fe Education Foundation using some of their advertising possibilities to advertise library services and programs - such as signs on the sides of school buses. The FOL group could also do this to encourage membership and participation. The Board liked the idea.

Old Business:

Heritage Festival - FOL Project Chair, Sharon, reported that the Heritage Festival is on track. We are light on volunteers as many people are out of pocket for various reasons.

New Business:

Mystery dinner is tabled for now until we get through the festival and Christmas tree lighting which has been moved to Library grounds.

The tree lighting is on December 4th at 6pm. The tree has been planted. The Parks Board will buy decorations and the tree will be decorated on Dec 1st. Parks Board is responsible for the Santa. FOL will have punch and cookies in the community room.

The next LAB meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 12:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm by unanimous agreement.

Sharon Tipton, Secretary
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