

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF January 4, 2012**

Sue Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm. The following board members were in attendance: Sue Johnson, Linda Coyle, Sharon Tipton, Kim Holliday and Library Director, Brenda Cheatham. Linda Courtney was absent.

Minutes for meetings of Oct. 5, 2011 were approved as presented on motion by Linda Coyle and seconded by Kim Holliday.

Citizen's comments and announcements: None

Treasurer's Report:

No change from last report, The current bank balance is 386.28, with \$229.00 belonging to the journaling club.

Friend's Report: None

Director's Report: Forms will be out shortly for taxes.

The staff is currently evaluating databases. Perhaps Ancestry.com will be subscribed to. It is expensive and the current one we have Heritage.com is free through Texshare. We will be keeping "Overdrive" Brenda wants to revamp the webpage.

Old Business: There were about 200 people at the Santa event. Friends of the Library provided refreshments and a Santa was hired this year. There was about \$200.00 made from the sale of books at the Heritage Festival.

Expansion: Brenda says she has narrowed her resource search to 6 agencies which provide matching grants. There are no submittal deadlines and requests are reviewed as they come to the agencies. Joe Dickson has not responded to Brenda's question about what we should do to get expansion going. Kim will e-mail him regarding a meeting with us to discuss.

New Business:

Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser- The Board will sponsor the event, rather than the Friends, which allows the Friends to have their two annual book sales. A new date of May 19th was chosen. We will begin selling tickets right after Easter. It was suggested the Journal Club make a poster for the library to advertise. The members were urged to look for decorations with books on them, banners, table decorations etc.

Sharon moved to purchase the packets for 17-32 people. Linda Coyle seconded. Kim will prepare the packets with scripts and instructions for those buying tickets who wish to be a character in the mystery. Others buying tickets who do not wish to be a character will get a "notes" page to help them solve the mystery. Tickets will be \$20.00 a person. Runge Park will be the site of the event. It rents for \$85.00 for 4 hours with a \$250 deposit.

Sharon will check with Zio's and Hometown Bar-b-que regarding catering for 30 people. We will purchase the desserts from Sam's. We hope to keep food costs at about \$13.00 a person. We should make about a \$400.00 profit, plus have fun.

The next LAB meeting will be April 18th. 2012 at 12:30pm. The meeting was adjourned on motion by Kim, with Linda Coyle seconding.

Sharon Tipton
Secretary