

**MAE S. BRUCE LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES January 15, 2014**

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

Minutes of the Oct 2, 2013 meeting were approved on motion by Kim, seconded by Linda.

Citizen's comments and announcements: None

Treasurer's Report: Kim reported a balance of 157.28 in the account, unchanged from last time.

Director's Report: The poster of board members with their favorite book is not ready because photos of Linda and Vicki were lost on DeAnna's phone. Brenda asked them to take new photos at their convenience so the poster could be prepared. The Texas State Library System has given us a grant for \$3,000 to purchase 5 IPADS. We will place two in the children's area, two in the adult area and one will be for staff to use and training in order to help patrons. The Federal budget has reinstated Texas State Library allotment which means the cut of 6.5 million dollars will not take place. Brenda reported that the library has begun pursuing overdue and lost books fines which are not paid, in court. This was not undertaken lightly. About 14 accounts totaling about \$1470, materials were due between Jan 2012 - June 2013. (We had originally planned to work just the first half of 2013 but, decided there might be a chance of recuperating 2012 items too). Amounts range from \$50 - \$205 just for the costs of materials, plus fines, plus all court cost. The period being covered just now is January to June of 2013.

Old Business:

1. Mystery Dinner on Feb 21, 2014- The committee will be meeting on the 23rd to prepare tickets and finalize plans for the event. Food will be catered by Floyd's Cajun Seafood. We will have jambalaya and salad from them. We are buying King Cakes for desert, as well as appetizers, bread and drinks. Sue and Sharon have volunteered to serve the food. Kim will pick it up. Brenda will ask the FOL to volunteer to help out that night. We will need someone to manage drinks, and take tickets. Kim or Millie Edwards will be moderator. Elaine Tacquard and Betty Langer dropped by the meeting to show us the plates and napkins that Betty has found. We have five sponsors so far. They are Howard's Insurance (2), Higgs Dentistry, A-1 Steel and Gulf Coast Realtors.
2. Heritage Festival-The library made about \$1,800 at the festival including our split of the profits with other groups. The booth itself made slightly over \$1,000.
3. Brenda reported that the event with Santa went well and Mr. Edwards did a great job. Next year she is considering Pancakes with Santa perhaps having Santa arrive on a fire truck.

4. Expansion: Now that the footprint is prepared, Brenda will talk with Joe Dickson regarding getting help from a grant writer to begin preparing to seek funds.

New Business:

None.

The next LAB meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 12:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2pm by unanimous agreement

Sharon Tipton
Secretary