

## Minutes for Jan 10, 2012

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

**Members present:**

Donna Woody, Cara Russell, Marla Sone, John Hoag, Bobbie Hentschel

**Library Director's Report:** Cara presented a statistics sheet comparing 2011 to 2010. She pointed out the number of visits on Dec. the day of the Home Tour. It was the biggest day ever because of the ticket buyers, bake sale, book signing and children's craft project. The number of volunteer hours was considerably up this year. Congratulations to Pat Galvin. A donation of a piece of art was made to the library by Don Ray George in memory of his wife. It is entitled "A Warm Stone to Dream Upon" with a value of \$3000. It may be sold or auctioned in the future with proceeds to the library. Cara said that the funds we donated this year will be dedicated to paying for access to a genealogy web site and to acquiring ebooks for the library. They have not yet decided on which company to go with and it will probably be more expensive than just buying books.

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes of the Dec. meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marla reported that as of 12/30/2011 we had \$6793.39 in our account at Cattleman's Bank. Star of Texas Liquors refunded \$202 for unopened bottles from the Wine Tasting. Donna will call Bob Holmes and remind him of his promised donation at the Wine Tasting. The Library has not yet cashed our donation checks totaling \$6000. She handed out a summary of profit and loss, comparing this year to last year. She noted that expenses were up and memberships were down. Sponsorships and ticket sales for the Home Tour were down, but the wine tasting event sponsors and raffle ticket sale brought the total profit to a little over \$2000 more than last year. Marla would like to end her term as treasurer, but will say on until we can find a replacement.

**Membership:** Marla is also handling membership now. She will send out an annual membership renewal letter at the end of the January. She will include the invitation to the Annual meeting/mixer with her mailing to current members. A discussion ensued about who we can talk to about becoming active volunteers with the "team" or board. We all left with people to contact about joining us.

**Newsletter:** John will put together the newsletter to be published around Feb. 6. **He needs article from us by Feb. 1.** Donna will report on the success of the home tour, wine tasting and raffle. Cara will write about our record day at the Library and what our donation will be used for. Donna write an article about the "opportunities for involvement" available with the Friends. Marla will publicize our annual membership drive. Donna will try to interview our most faithful sponsor, Brad Kimmell. John will do a spotlight about someone on the library staff. Amanda Rorie was suggested.

**Christmas Tour Follow up:** We decided that we would keep the Wine Tasting Event on the same day as the Home Tour. John will remain as chair. We definitely need to recruit a Tour Chair. Donna will ask Kim Frederick. Next year we will have a booth at Christmas on Mercer street on Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 is the date of the Home tour and Wine Tasting.

**Annual Meeting:** The by-laws say it should be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Feb. which is the 21<sup>st</sup> this year. We will have it at the library from 7 to 8 PM. We need to add a budget line of \$500 for this event. We will ask one of the restaurants to cater appetizers and desserts. Board members are encouraged to donate wine or other beverages. Bobbie will be responsible for the catering. Donna will send

invitations to all sponsors, home hosts, and community leaders by Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and ask for an RSVP by Feb. 14. Feel free to invite anyone you know.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the library at 10 AM.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.**