



Board of Directors Meeting *Sunday, December 29, 2011*

Minutes

I. Opening

-The meeting opened at 6:00pm CST on Thursday, December 29, 2011.

-Board members present:

- Floyd Jones
- Miyoshi Brown
- Chad Guillory
- Nghana Lewis

II. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

III. New Business

ESSENCE's operating budget for 2011 was \$3000.00, based on private donations. These funds were used primarily to support the Fifth Ward Literary Project, which featured *The Battle of New Orleans* by Freddie Evans Williams and *Family Ties* by Ernest Hill. Fundraising for 2012 will focus on the development of the ESSENCE textbook, a compilation of lesson plans with compatible CD, based on programming since 2005. This project began in earnest in July 2011 with the assistance of Tyra Duhe project director/consultant. Ms. Duhe is a fourth grade teacher at Fifth Ward. She is not currently receiving a salary for her assistance.

IV. Announcements

NONE

V. Adjournment

Floyd moved to adjourn. Miyoshi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM CST.