

**Moore Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes**

Feb. 27, 2006

Present: Nelle Leach, Mary Ann Read, Elaine Schmitz, Stephanie Doyle, Sara Moreno and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Sherry Sigler, Gerry Steed, Ann Dube, and Beverly Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from the Dec.12, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

Beth Ryker Steiner gave the Librarian's report:

1. The Library has received a Portal to Texas History grant for digitization of two archival photo collections: the U.S. Army/First Aero Squadron collection, and the 1947 Texas City explosion collection. Staff at the University of North Texas will digitize the photos, making them available to all users through the Internet, after Moore Library staff creates the metadata cataloging.
2. Beth reported that the computer upgrade project is going well. Orders are in for the remaining replacement workstations, and then work will begin on replacing all servers, upgrading the network software and upgrading the Sirsi circulation software. After that, probably in late summer, the library plans to convert the Texas room to wireless access.
3. The library has a new staff member, Mr. Jephtha Hines, who replaces Peggy Martin as Library Systems Operator.
4. Beth reported that half the staff had received Galveston County Library System training on Time management geared to libraries, but that the presenter would have to reschedule training for the other half due to her illness.
5. The library has just received a Houston Area Library System DVD mini-grant for DVDs to learn the English language.
6. The library has completed its cooperative modeling story times for Head Start for FY 2006. Feedback on the story times was uniformly positive. Attendance by parents was smaller than expected due to the new requirement from Headstart that all parents participating must have had a background check completed prior to the story time.

7. Moore Memorial Public Library is participating this year with the Galveston County Reads Program. This year the book which was selected by the committee was *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time*. The book has generated much discussion in the county. The committee hopes to pick next year's book by May of this year, to enable High School teachers to include the program in their curriculum.

According to the bylaws, elections for officers should have been held earlier in the fiscal year. However, due to Hurricane Rita, lack of a quorum and the retention of existing board member appointees by the city administration, no elections were held. By acclamation the Board members present unanimously agreed to ask the serving officers if they would continue to serve until the next election in FY2007.

Beth mentioned that the annual Texas City Memorial Service will be held on Saturday April 8th this year. Nelle Leach reminded members that many of the survivors of the 1947 Explosion were getting quite elderly and suggested that attempts be made to obtain and preserve their remembrances.

Mary Ann Reed announced that the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library group had taken place on Feb. 20th to a good turnout. Mayor Matt Doyle spoke and answered questions about developments in the City.

Beth announced that the Summer Reading Program for teens would include two book discussions of books required as summer reading in the Texas City ISD. One book discussion for incoming ninth graders and one book discussion for rising tenth graders will be held in July, after students have a chance to check out and read the required book. Holly is working closely with the Texas City HS librarian and English department to determine which books to use. If these discussions are successful, the library hopes to extend the concept to other grade levels in future summers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next meeting is set for April 24th at 4:00 p.m.