

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

June 26, 2006

Present: Mary Ann Reed, Elaine Schmitz, Gerry Steed, Sara Moreno, Ann Dube, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Stephanie Doyle, Sherry Sigler and Beverly Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from the April 24, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

Beth Ryker Steiner gave the Librarian's report:

1. The Library will soon release the first set of digitized photos on the Internet. This is the U.S. Army/1st Provisional Aero Squadron collection. There are about 40 photos in this collection from the period of 1913-1915. They will be released for public viewing on the Internet by July 1st. Library staff is currently creating data for the digitized photos from the Texas City Disaster in 1947. Those photos will be released in small segments as the metadata is created. The Library has also received a grant to digitize a 4th collection of photos – those from early Texas City History. They have been sent to the UNT Digitization Lab. In all a total of around 600 photographs are being digitized through the Portal to Texas History grant this year.
2. The server and software upgrade for the SIRSI circulation software will be done in August. Other server upgrades have been completed and are working well.
3. The Library is seeing some good usage as the Summer Reading Program is underway for all ages.
4. The roof has been replaced successfully and weathered the recent wet weather quite well. The special cleaning was completed over a weekend in early June, and there is a noticeable improvement in the dust level in the library. Still scheduled for this fiscal year – carpet replacement in the meeting room scheduled for August 2006, after the summer reading programs are finished.

The Library Board unanimously approved the new Strategic plan for the Library which will cover the period Oct. 1, 2006 through Sept. 30, 2008.

The Library Board unanimously approved the new Technology plan for the Library which will cover the period Oct. 1, 2006 through Sept. 30, 2008.

Gerry Steed mentioned that DOW grants are open now, and that the new library, started by the Lions Club, in San Leon was accepting donations. Beth mentioned that the Texas State Library has determined that that organization does not meet qualifications for a public library in the state of Texas, but could be called a Reading Room. Many libraries in Texas started out this way and eventually were able to get enough local support to become a certified public library.

The date was set for the next meeting (August 28th at 4:00 p.m.) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.