

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

August 20, 2007

Present: Elaine Schmitz, Nelle Leach, Stephanie Doyle, Shirley Mapps, Mary Ann Reed.
Elaine Schmitz and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Sara Moreno, Gerry Steed and Ann Dube

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Minutes from the June 25th meeting were approved as written.

Beth Ryker Steiner gave the Librarian's report:

1. The Summer Reading Programs were very successful. Sir Read-a-lot (our Bookworm) was so long the Library almost ran out of wall space to display him! Beth thanked all the Board members who attended or participated in the programs.
2. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has made a change of rules in the requirements for Library Directors serving populations of 50,000 and above to require the Library Director to spend at least 40 hours per week "in library duties."
3. Galveston County reads has chosen the book "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines as the book for 2008. Extra copies of that book will be available for checkout in the library beginning in early September. Activities connected with this county-wide reading initiative will take place between January and March of 2008. Moore Memorial is planning a book discussion, a joint panel discussion with the College of the Mainland, and possibly a showing of the film made from this book, as part of the activities.
4. The pilot program of using additional reference staff as roving librarians between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. has been successful this summer. A surprising number of patrons were helped who would not have asked at the reference desk. The roving librarian also made it easier to handle patron traffic and behavior issues, and was able to do on-the-spot readers advisory assistance. Working within available resources, the library hopes to continue this practice all year round between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
5. The Library has purchased three additional wireless laptop computers for use in the library. Computer usage records were set in the library this summer and the demand for computer workstations continues to grow.

Board members reviewed the Library Board By-laws as required. Mary Ann Reed moved for approval of the By-laws with no changes, and Nelle Leach seconded that motion. The By-laws were re-approved by unanimous vote.

The revised Public Computer Use Procedures to include the Laptop computer use policy were approved as proposed. Stephanie Doyle moved for approval and Shirley Mapps seconded, followed by a unanimous vote of approval for the Procedures and Policy.

Beth mentioned that By-laws required election of Board officers in October. However, there are a number of Board representatives whose terms expire Oct. 1st. (Schmitz, Ettredge, Leach, and Doyle). Beth asked each of the Board members to let her know if they would consider reappointment from the Mayor should he wish to do so. Board officer elections will be considered in October.

The next meeting was set for Oct. 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:45 p.m.