

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

Oct. 27, 2008

Present: Sarah Moreno, Elaine Schmitz, Shirley Mapps, MaryAnn Reed, Stephanie Doyle and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Ann Dube, Sarah Ettredge, Gerry Steed and Nelle Leach

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from August 18th meeting of the Library Board was approved as written.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner gave a short report :

1. The library suffered minor damage from Hurricane Ike. Some water came in through window seals and weepholes in the Children's and the Adult Biography areas of the library. Book loss was minimal. Power was off for five days, but the computer system seemed to survive okay. Two large windows were broken, tree damage was extensive and part of the roof was lifted up and set down, but overall damage was light.
2. All Galveston County libraries have been advised to expect at least a 20 to 25% cut in funds from the County this fiscal year due to the hurricane. For Moore Memorial, that will mean an approximate cut of \$17,000 in library materials. This will definitely be noticed by patrons, but many libraries in Galveston County will face much more severe budget cuts.
3. The Library has filled both vacant part-time shelver positions. The Young Adult/Public Services Librarian position remains open, and hard to fill. Salary is low, relative to the market state-wide.
4. Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and the large number of additional demand generated by being the closest public library for Galveston and Bolivar residents and contractors in addition to our own area population, the Library has decided to delay implementation of self-pickup of reserves.
5. The Rosenberg Library in Galveston suffered catastrophic damage during the Hurricane and remains closed to the public with no projected date available yet for the resumption of services. Director John Augelli has indicated there is no assistance other than money needed at this time. Other public libraries in the County have temporarily taken over some of Rosenberg's county-wide duties so that John may concentrate on the recovery of Rosenberg Library for the present.
6. The Mayor's office recently sent out the updated list of Board members and dates of service terms. All Board members have been extended.
7. Due to the financial costs of Hurricane Ike recovery, the Mayor has announced that all capital projects have been put on hold. The Library facility planning committee has no further work to do until the project is released to the architects. The City is not yet able to provide a possible date for release to

active status for the project, although the FY08-09 city budget does include \$2 million dollars for the expansion/remodeling project.

Since Board members have been extended for the FY08-09 fiscal year, the Library Board will hold elections for Officer positions at the December meeting. Sara Moreno and Elaine Schmitz will act as the Executive Committee to prepare the slate of candidates for the election.

After a general discussion of the status of area libraries after Hurricane Ike and a recap of the huge additional demand for Moore Memorial's services in servicing Galveston, Bolivar, San Leon and Bacliff persons, as well as providing emergency assistance services for the Library's own service population, the Board meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m

The next meeting of the Library Board will be on Monday Dec. 1st at 4 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room.