

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

Dec. 1, 2008

Present: Elaine Schmitz, Sarah Ettredge, MaryAnn Reed, Stephanie Doyle, Gerry Steed and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Ann Dube, Shirley Mapps, Sarah Moreno, Nelle Leach

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from Oct. 27th meeting of the Library Board was approved as written, with one correction in the spelling of Nelle Leach's name.

The new Chief of Management Services, Nick Finan, introduced himself. Vice Chairman Elaine Schmitz welcomed him and invited him to return to future meetings.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner gave a short report :

1. The Rosenberg Library in Galveston suffered catastrophic damage during the Hurricane and most of the library remains closed to the public. Some outreach is being done with children's services, and limited circulation capability on a reserve-and-pick-up basis. The Library is hoping to open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors for service, at least on a partial basis, around mid-February. Rosenberg Library Director John Augelli has indicated there is no assistance other than money needed at this time.
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. Much will depend on tax collections occurring in January and February of 2009.
3. The Library's Young Adult/Public Services Librarian position remains open, and hard to fill. Salary is low, relative to the market state-wide, and other libraries within the same labor market area are paying more.
4. Due to the financial costs of Hurricane Ike recovery, the Mayor has announced that all capital projects have been put on hold. 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 first phase of the expansion/remodeling project.
5. Beth reported that 16 computers and 5 laptop computers have been ordered as projected in the Library's 2008/09 budget. Ten of the workstations are for public use, and all five laptops will be used in computer classes and as additional workstations for the public.

The slate of officers for FY2008/09 was passed unanimously by acclamation as follows:

Elaine Schmitz – Chairman

Gerry Steed – Vice Chairman

The Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality was reviewed and suggested changes and updates were unanimously approved. The updated policy will be uploaded to the Library's webpage. This review was the standard review undertaken every three years as standard operating practice.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 23, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room.