

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

March 2, 2009

Present: Elaine Schmitz, Sarah Ettredge, Sara Moreno, Stephanie Doyle, Gerry Steed, Nelle Leach, Shirley Mapps and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Mary Ann Reed

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Minutes from December meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner gave a short report :

1. The Rosenberg Library in Galveston has limited services available to the public. Plans to open more services on the second and third floors have been delayed, due to complications in the remodeling/rebuilding efforts.
2. The Mayor has asked for some changes to the FY 09 operating budget due to the current and expected economic climate. Departments have been asked to hold off on some expenditures. For the library, this means that the third range of library shelving and the self-check unit planned and budgeted for this current fiscal year, will most likely be delayed.
3. The remodeling/expansion project for the library remains on indefinite hold (all capital projects have been put on hold by the Mayor). At the annual Friends' meeting the Mayor indicated that he is considering a new option, which could entail building a new library on the other side of City Hall, and moving the museum into the current Library building (proj. date possibly 2011/2012).
4. Beth reported that projections for FY 09/10 for funding at federal, state and county levels is projected to flat-line or decrease.

The Local History Collection Policy was approved unanimously by the Library Board. No wording changes were made to the policy as approved by the Board on Feb. 28, 2005.

The Rules of Behavior for Library Patrons was approved unanimously by the Board as proposed by the Director. Minor changes in the original version passed in 2005 were made to increase the clarity of the rules.

A general discussion of the Draft strategic plan for FY 2009/2010 through 2011/2012 was held. Beth asked for input and/or questions from Board members, emphasizing that this document is the master blueprint and vision plan for Library operations for the next 3 years and is required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. This document will be discussed again at the April Board meeting.

Beth notified the Library Board that she had received two letters of resignation from Library Board members, which were passed on to Mayor Doyle. Ann Dube had

submitted a letter for immediate resignation due to health reasons, and Sarah Ettredge had resigned due to an impending move away from the area. Mayor Doyle had asked for a list of potential replacements. Library Board members spent some time discussing several candidates. Beth will compile and contact potential Board replacements and give the list to Mayor Doyle. Board members have until March 11<sup>th</sup> to get suggestions to Beth for these two positions.

Board members spoke warmly of the generous contributions and valuable service of both Ann Dube and Sarah Ettredge as Library Board members. Both members will be greatly missed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room.