

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

April 27, 2009

Present: Gerry Steed, Mary Ann Reed, Nelle Leach, Shirley Mapps, Stephanie Doyle, Clay West and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Sara Moreno, Hallie Ketchum and Elaine Schmitz

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Minutes from March 2nd meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Mr. Clay West was welcomed and introduced as a new Board member. Hallie Ketchum, the other newly appointed Board Member, was unable to attend.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner gave a short report :

1. Services at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston remain limited. Plans to open more services on the second and third floors have been delayed, due to complications in the remodeling/rebuilding efforts. Rosenberg Library staff have indicated there will not be a summer reading program in Galveston this year.
2. Funding issues at the State and Regional level continue to be significant. Budgets for FY 2009/2010 at Federal, State and Regional levels (HALS) for public libraries are expected to be difficult.
3. Tax season at the library ran smoother than expected. This was the first year the library carried no printed tax forms. As expected, Library staff spent extra time assisting patrons in printing tax forms from the IRS web site, but were pleasantly surprised at the number of patrons who were able to assist themselves, or who were amenable to electronic access, for publications and forms. Beth stated that this is one example of the increasing reliance of governmental agencies at all levels on electronic access (and librarian assistance) available in the community at the local public library.
4. Beth reported that the Young Adult/Public Services Librarian position continues to be vacant since August 2008, but may be filled soon. Janet Bazemore, the Children's Librarian, has also been off since September, so staffing for youth services has been challenging. Three temporary summer workers are expected to begin work in mid to late May.
5. The printing of summer program brochures are in progress. The library will offer a full slate of summer programs for all ages again this year, in spite of staff absences. Beth encouraged all Board members to participate in the Adult Reading Program to demonstrate the importance of reading for all ages.
6. Expanded high speed wireless access has been implemented in the library, so the number of simultaneous wireless computers which can be supported has increased from 5 to roughly 100. Five additional laptop computers have been received and will be used in the online gaming sessions scheduled for teens

for this summer. During other times, these computers will also be used to provide additional Internet access to adults when other library workstations are full.

Beth also reported that one of the new laptops was stolen from a closed staff area on a Saturday. Staff saw the thief, but he took the computer and left before police arrived. Theft reports were filed with the police and with Dell Computer Systems, but so far have not resulted in the recovery of the laptop.

After a short discussion, voting was held on the proposed Strategic Plan for FY 2009/2010 through 2011/2012. The Strategic Plan was passed unanimously. Proxies from Hallie Ketchum and Elaine Schmitz were included in the vote tally.

The Board of Library Trustees recommended no changes be made to the current TexShare card policies currently in place for public libraries in Galveston County.

Beth will set up new Board Member orientation and training for Hallie Ketchum and Clay West.

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

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room.