

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

October 26, 2009

Present: Gerry Steed, Elaine Schmitz, Hallie Ketchum, Clay West, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Shirley Mapps, Stephanie Doyle, Sara Moreno, Mary Ann Reed, Nelle Leach

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Minutes from August 24th meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Librarian Beth Ryker Steiner gave the following short report:

1. 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 tight. All Galveston County libraries received a decrease in funding from the Galveston County Commissioner's Court for FY2009/2010. Moore Memorial Public Library received a larger Loan Star Libraries grant this year.
2. City of Texas City funding in the FY2009/2010 budget was essentially unchanged from the budget submitted by the library. Plans for the library expansion/renovation are still being considered.
3. The part-time Children's Assistant, Katherine Elizabeth Goodson, has resigned due to her acceptance into nursing school. An experienced shelver, Zaib Vikal, has been hired and will begin work shortly.
4. Beth reported usage statistics for the library for FY08/09 are very good, and show that most types of usage of the library and its materials increase significantly over FY 07/08.
5. Beth distributed the roster of current Board members as it was received from City Hall after the Mayor and City Commission reappointed all Board members whose terms were due to expire. Any changes in contact information and address will be passed on to City Hall.

The document on Safety procedures did not need voting approval, since it was not a policy document. Board members discussed the issue of inappropriate patron behavior and group behavior, and the need to have increased security and police assistance during busy times.

Moore Memorial Public Library has been approved to receive \$18,702 dollars in funds for books on CD, large print books, and DVDs from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The electronic transfer of funds is expected to be completed within the next two weeks, and the library will immediately place orders for these materials. Patrons can expect a large number of new materials available for checkout very soon.

Library Board members decided to create a subcommittee of the current Library Board officers, Elaine Schmitz and Gerry Steed, to develop a slate of candidates for officer elections. This election will be held at the December Board meeting.

A discussion was about the scheduled date for the December Library Board meeting. Board members agreed to move the December meeting to Dec. 7th at 4 pm. due to conflicts arising from the Holiday season.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 7th, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room.