

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

December 7, 2009

Present: Gerry Steed, Elaine Schmitz, Hallie Ketchum, Clay West, Nelle Leach, Shirley Mapps, Mary Ann Read, Sara Moreno and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Stephanie Doyle

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from October 26th meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Librarian Beth Ryker Steiner gave the following short report:

1. The Galveston County Library System has received no further information about the budget allocation for FY 2009/2010. Budgets for FY 2009/2010 at Federal, State and Regional levels (HALS) for public libraries remain tight, with no assurances that budget cuts later in the year will not be needed.
2. The Library has received most of the computer equipment it will be adding or upgrading this year. Still to be received, but on order, are the two servers and the last replacement workstations. This equipment is expected shortly.
3. The new timeout software is working well on the Reference desk.
4. Chad Alvey has been hired as the new Young Adult/Public Services Librarian, replacing Jodi McLaughlin. He is expected to start in January. Beth reports that this should bring the library to a complete staffing level.
5. Beth emphasized that usage statistics for the first two months of the current fiscal year show that library usage is up significantly. One area that is down is that of materials used in house, rather than checked out. Beth explained that last year during this time, many individuals were spending much of the day in the library due to the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, so in-house usage statistics for the first part of last year were abnormally high.

Beth reported that the Library is encumbering its FY 09/10 Loan Star funds as quickly as possible. These funds are purchasing new audio books and videos for all ages, and large print materials for adults.

The elections of Board of Trustee officers was held. Gerry Steed was elected as Chairman and Hallie Ketchum was elected as Vice Chairman by acclamation. The outgoing officers were thanked for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the library.

The Friends' annual meeting will be on Monday evening, Feb. 8th. Mayor Matt Doyle will speak on the future of Texas City.

The next meeting was set for Monday, Feb. 22nd at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.