

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

Feb. 28, 2011

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

Absent: Stephanie Doyle, Mary Ann Reed

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from Dec. 13th meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Librarian Beth Ryker Steiner gave the following short report:

1. The new Galveston County officials took office in January 2011. The GALCO system has not heard anything from the new administration.
2. Kimberly Mann has been hired to replace Zaib Vakil as part-time Children's Assistant. Library System Administrator Amelia Chau has resigned. Recruitment for her replacement is in progress.
3. Budget news continues to be problematic for 2011 on both the Federal and State levels. Beth encouraged library supporters and Board members to contact their legislators regarding funding issues.
4. Proposed funding cuts would result in very extensive cuts or program eliminations for inter-library loan services, online databases, Loan Star grant funding, and library materials budgets. Extensive cuts in staff and programs are already taking place in neighboring systems. Expectations for services and access starting in October are uncertain, although the Library is developing possible strategies to mitigate some of the effects of the cuts.

Clay West made a motion, Gerry Steed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to allow a \$1.00 per item surcharge for reserved materials not picked up or cancelled prior to the end of the three day holding period.

More discussion was held on issues related to probable budget cuts and the effects of State and Federal funding decreases in public library services in Texas.

Beth briefly outlined summer reading programs which are being finalized. Plans are in effect to change the program dealing with required summer reading assignments for TCISD and La Marque ISD high school and junior high English classes.

A very brief, preliminary discussion was held regarding priorities for the FY 2011/2012 budget.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

