

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

June 24, 2013

Present: William Johnson, Hallie Ketchum, Clara Irby, Shirley Mapps, JoAnn Hackbarth, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Barbara Briney, Mary Ann Reed, Arcadio Rodriguez, Sara Moreno

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from the April 22nd meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. The furniture in the circulation workroom and some of the furniture in the technical processing area have been downsized to make a safer, less-crowded work area for staff.
2. An upgraded wireless router has been purchased for the Library's wireless network. This should allow a more robust wireless network, both inside and outside the library.
3. Internet speed for the wired Internet at the Library is scheduled to be greatly increased in July.
4. All shelving due to be purchased this fiscal year has been received and assembled. Library staff is in the process of shifting books and materials to utilize this much-needed shelving.
5. The budget process for FY2013/2014 has begun within the City of Texas City. Beth made a presentation for the library budget to the Mayor and Finance Director in mid-June.
6. Summer reading programs have begun and are going very well. Beth encouraged all board members to participate and to talk to friends, family members, etc. about the programs.

There was no old business.

Events for Texas City Reads 2013 have been scheduled for late September and early October. The book selected for this year is Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks. Extra copies of the book have been received and are available at the Circulation desk for checkout. Publicity on the events is expected to begin in mid to late August.

The July quarterly newsletter, being released at the end of June, has the listing for adult programming for Fall 2013. There is an expanded number and range of adult computer programs, as well as a wide variety of other adult programs. Children's programs will resume immediately after Labor Day. (Summer programs will continue until mid August.)

The new mobile application for Moore Memorial Public Library will be available very soon. This application was developed with grant funds provided by the Texas State Library and will allow patrons with mobile devices such as smart phones to access their account and the library catalog as well as serve as an interface to place holds, renew materials, get reading recommendations, etc.

An unidentified individual asked to speak. He talked about library funding from the hotel-motel tax, and the list of expenditures in this fund during the last three years. Beth explained that under Texas State regulations, the library, as a municipal library, was not eligible to use hotel-motel tax funds, and had not done so. Questions regarding the usage of those funds needed to be directed to Nick Finan at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:40 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2013 at 4 pm in the Holland Meeting room.