

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

August 15, 2016

Present: Clara Irby, Karen Ivory, Shirley Mapps, Sara Moreno, JoAnn Hackbarth, Hallie Ketchum, Betty Rac, Bridget Buffa, Bill Johnson, Beth Ryker Steiner.

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Minutes from the February 2016 meeting of the Library Board were approved as written. (There were no board meetings in April and in June, 2016 due to lack of quorums).

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. The 2016 Summer Reading program was quite successful. More adults and teens participated this year than last year.
2. Beth reported that two new librarians had recently been hired to fill the Reference Librarian and the Local History Librarian positions and were currently learning quickly. The Young Adult/ Public Services Librarian position has also been filled, with the new employee due to report on September 6th.
3. The Library is designated as a Poke-stop in the Pokemon-Go game. During the month of July, individuals who could show that they have “visited” the Library in the game received a small prize. About 40 prizes were awarded.
4. Budget expenditures for FY 2016 are proceeding as planned. The library has had the FY 2017 budget workshop with the Mayor and Finance Director. Budget hearings with the City Commission have also started. Galveston County Commissioner’s Court is also on schedule for the 2017 budget process.
5. In an effort to pre-empt a repeat the after school issues that occurred in school year 2015/2016, Beth met in June with the Galveston Sheriff’s Department, Texas City Police Department, Chief of Management Services (TC), and administrative staff of both Blocker Middle School and Texas City High School. Strengthened procedures, stricter behavior standards, better traffic and building control procedures and a more visible police presence were discussed. It is hoped that a cooperative effort between all agencies as well as inter-agency assistance in letting parents know that the library cannot simply serve as a pick-up location, will result in less disruption of library services after school hours.

All Board members whose term of service will expire on September 30th, 2016 agreed to consider another term, if extended by Mayor Doyle and approved by the City Commission.

Beth announced that full evening hours would be restored on Tuesday nights starting September 1st, since all open librarian positions have been filled.

Bill Johnson asked about Texas City reads 2016. Beth announced that due to all the librarian vacancies during most of the calendar year to date, the library regretfully had to cancel Texas City Reads 2016.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:30 p.m. The next scheduled Board meeting will be in December 2016.