

Moore Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
April 24, 2017

Present: Bridget Buffa, Clara Irby, Bill Johnson, Bette Rac, Shirley Mapps, JoAnn Hackbarth, Sara Moreno, Beth Ryker Steiner.

Absent: Hallie Ketchum, Karen Ivory

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Minutes from the February 2017 meeting of the Library Board were approved as written

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. Beth reported that Library Board members might notice a slight change in format as agendas, minutes and other Board documents are being moved to the Agenda Quick system over the next few months.
2. Beth drew Board members' attention to the April quarterly edition of the Moore Times which contains information on all the summer programs sponsored by the library. Beth reminded the members that adults are invited to join the community-wide initiative to read during the summer months too.
3. FY 2017 budget expenditures are on track. Computer replacements are almost finished, a new panic button alarm system is due to be installed soon, and the duct cleaning will be completed in the next month.
4. A short overview of the Summer Reading Program was given and Beth encouraged all Board members to track their reading and participate in creating Sir Read-a-lot for 2017.
5. The Library historical online web exhibits have shown large increases in viewership over the last two months. Beth shared some statistics on the major exhibits which have extensive use from all over the nation and the world.

Beth mentioned that preliminary work on the proposed budget for FY 2018 from the City of Texas City was in progress.

Beth reported that the Galveston County Library System is planning to request a slight increase due to increased operational costs, in the budget proposal for FY 2018 for Galveston County. At the time of the meeting, the System had not yet received any guidance from County staff, but expected to submit a budget proposal within the next 2 months.

Beth reported that early funding proposals by the new Trump Administration call for defunding the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Funds from this federal agency underwrite the interlibrary loan system, some continuing education for library staff, grants for preservation and digitization, and the TexShare databases. Passage of this proposed budget would have very definite repercussions on the services Moore Memorial Public Library (and all public libraries) would be able to provide.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Monday June 26, 2017 at 4 pm in the Library.