

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

April 28, 2008

Present: Sara Moreno, Gerry Steed, Stephanie Doyle, Ann Dube, Mary Ann Reed, and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Elaine Schmitz, Nelle Leach, Shirley Mapps and Sarah Ettredge

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from the Feb. 25th meeting were approved as written.

Three members of the Friends of the Library Board, (Tish Hart, Hallie Ketchum and Joanne Hackbarth) attended the meeting at the request of the Moore Memorial Library Board.

Mayor Matt Doyle accepted the Library Board's invitation to attend the meeting and discuss the library facility issue. Mayor Doyle said the plans for the library expansion/new building had not progressed since the last meeting with the architects in summer 2007. However, prior to today's meeting, the Mayor had reviewed the matter and indicated that the issue could be reopened. He charged the Library Board with producing workable plans for an expansion/renovation by October 2008, pledging 2.5 million dollars in capital funds for the project in the FY2008-09 budget, with up to another 2.5 million to be committed in the FY2009-2010 budget. This figure should include engineering/architect fees and furnishings, but does not need to cover the solar panels for energy efficiency, and increased operating costs for the larger/new space. The Mayor indicated that he hoped the Board would consider community needs and future design as well as standards and governmental requirements. The Mayor specified that these new plans did not need to contain the required design elements of the earlier plans such as compressed shelving, an automatic sorter technology, nor joint usage by the public schools. Mayor Doyle will call Bay Architects and have them get in touch with Beth to re-start the process. He will also talk to Tom Kessler about using city workers to tear down the sound walls.

A wide-ranging discussion followed regarding library needs, library design, library mission and possible sources of additional funding.

A special meeting of the Library Board on the facilities issue is scheduled for May 19th at 12:30 in the Holland meeting room.

The Library Director gave a very short report on :

1. A discussion on Charlie Wilson's War by George Crile, the book chosen for the 1st annual Texas City Reads discussion, will be held on Saturday Jun. 21st at 11 a.m.

2. Author Susan P. Baker will speak at the library on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. The Friends group will provide refreshments.
3. Five new computers from the Gates Pac-Hug grant program have been received and will replace older public workstations shortly.
4. Summer reading programs were distributed to the Library Board members. They will be available to the public online and in print in early May.
5. Emily Caro has been hired to fill the part-time shelver position. Young Adult librarian Lisa Neal has tendered her resignation after the summer. She has accepted a school librarian position for the FY08-09 school year.

Budget preparation for the FY2008/09 fiscal year for the Library is in full swing.

The meeting was adjourned about 5:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 19th at 12:30 p.m.