

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

Oct. 28, 2013

Present: Hallie Ketchum, Barbara Briney, Clara Irby, Shirley Mapps, JoAnn Hackbarth, Deana Rac, Arcadio Rodriguez, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Sara Moreno, William Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from the Aug. 26, 2013 meeting of the Library Board were approved as written. New Board member Deana Rac was welcomed and introduced.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. The library has begun spending its FY2014 Budget. Budget figures have been revised for some departments since the Budget workshops. The library budget saw a very small decrease, and has a budget very similar to last fiscal year.
2. Galveston County Commissioners approved a straight-line budget for the Galveston County Library System. Operating costs are going up slightly in some areas, and population changes in the county have resulted in some direct allocation changes. Texas City will receive approximately \$70,000 in direct allocation from the County. Most of this money will go to buy library materials, or pay the TexPress Courier fees.
3. Internet speed for the wired Internet at the Library has been increased and patrons have commented how much they appreciate the fast service.
4. The Texas State Library & Archives Division has notified the public libraries in Texas that the appeal to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to waive the Maintenance-of-effort requirement for the State of Texas for LSTA funding has been denied. This is the funding that helped underwrite a portion of the costs of providing interlibrary loan services to Texas library patrons. It is not yet clear exactly what will happen now to Interlibrary Loan Services once this takes effect.
5. Fall programming has begun and Beth invited Library Board members to attend some of the wide variety of programs the library will be offering. She talked briefly about the Excavation of the U.S.S. Westfield program that is scheduled for November 14th at the Texas City Museum. (This is a joint program being offered to the community by the Library and the Museum, since space at the Library is limited.)
6. Texas City Reads book discussion and the Forum and panel on Affirmative action in Education were successful based on attendees' comments, although attendance was not as high as anticipated.
7. Beth announced that the World War II in Texas City online exhibit was up and getting lots of favorable attention. Beth invited Board members to look at the exhibit, and read, view and listen to the personal interviews gathered from Texas City residents.

Library Board members reviewed the official roster of Board members to verify their addresses and phone numbers at City Hall's request. Deana Rac was appointed to fill the remaining term of Mary Ann Reed, who served many years on the Library Board and asked to retire effective October 1st.

Beth reminded the Board members that Board officer elections would need to be held in December. After some discussion, a Nominating committee composed of Shirley Mapps and Hallie Ketchum was appointed to draft a slate for the December elections.

Beth discussed the library's responsibility in providing assistance to the public about the Affordable Care Act.

Due to the Christmas holidays, Library board members voted to move the December Board meeting to Monday, Dec. 9th at 4 pm.

After some general discussion, the meeting was adjourned about 4:40 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9th, 2013 at 4 pm in the Holland Meeting room.