

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

August 24, 2009

Present: Mary Ann Reed, Elaine Schmitz, Hallie Ketchum, Nelle Leach, Clay West,  
Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Shirley Mapps, Gerry Steed, Stephanie Doyle, Sara Moreno

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Minutes from June 22nd meeting of the Library Board were approved, with the addition of Nelle Leach to the list of members present.

Librarian Beth Ryker Steiner gave the following short report:

1. The budget for Galveston County (which funds the Galveston County Library System) is in the approval process. The Library System has been given no preliminary indication on funding for FY09-10.
2. Funding issues at the State and Regional level continue to be significant. Budgets for FY 2009/2010 at Federal, State and Regional levels (HALS) for public libraries are expected to be difficult.
3. Preliminary reports from the first reading of the City of Texas City FY 09-10 budget look favorable. The proposed operating budget is similar to what was requested in the preliminary budget workshops with the Mayor. A capital allocation to begin the library expansion/renovation project is again in the proposed budget.
4. Beth reported that summer programs went quite well, and attendance in the library was very good. Participation in the combined Independent reading program (Sir Read-a-lot) increased 49% over last summer.
5. Kayla Jackson has been hired as the new Children's Librarian, replacing Janet Bazemore. Denise Castor has been hired to fill the vacant part-time shelver position, formerly held by Sara Warren.

Library Board members reviewed the Circulation Procedures document and unanimously approved it. At the request of Nick Finan, the Safety Procedures document was tabled, pending review by the City Attorney.

Beth thanked all Board members for participating in the Adult Summer Reading program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, October 26th, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room.