

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

Feb. 22, 2010

Present: Gerry Steed, Elaine Schmitz, Hallie Ketchum, Nelle Leach, Shirley Mapps,
Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Stephanie Doyle, Sara Moreno, Clay West, Mary Ann Reed (gave proxy to Beth
Ryker Steiner).

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from December 2009 meeting of
the Library Board were approved as written.

Librarian Beth Ryker Steiner gave the following short report:

1. The Galveston County Library System has received no further information about the budget allocation for FY 2009/2010 or for FY 2010/2011. Budgets for FY 2009/2010 at Federal, State and Regional levels (HALS) for public libraries remain tight, with no assurances that budget cuts later in the year will not be needed.
2. The Library has received almost all of the computer equipment it will be adding or upgrading this year. Both servers have been received, and the switch of the domain server has been accomplished. The Sirsi/Dynix server switch will be accomplished within the next few weeks, after the upgrade of the software has been completed and attendant problems corrected. The library is working through the purchasing process for the self-check unit, which is expected to be completed before June 1st.
3. The Friends of the Library group have donated \$2000 for the purchase of audio books and an additional \$1000 for large print materials to be purchased after completion of the FY 2009/10 Loan Star grant.
4. The Library has submitted the required annual report to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to obtain accreditation for another year. Beth pointed out that usage statistics continue to rise, and that the Library has come much closer to meeting the Enhanced level in most sections of the Texas Public Library Standards.

Beth reported that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has notified member libraries of a proposed change in regulation that would allow the Library Director to be appointed as the voting representative of the appropriate library system. Since Moore Memorial Public Library by-laws (Article VIII, Section 3) assign that duty to the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, a revision to by-laws might be necessary if this regulation becomes official. A motion was made and seconded to bring this to the Board of Trustees as a voting item for the April board meeting.

Beth reported that the library would begin an online subscription to Valueline in March, 2010. The subscription will include remote access for card holders.

Beth talked about downloadable audio books which will be provided on a trial basis, through a subscription to Overdrive beginning in May. Library card holders will be able to download a selection of audio books to MP3 players through a computer workstation. Since selections are automatically erased when the checkout period is over, there will be no fines associated with this service. While selection is somewhat limited and there is no simultaneous checkout option within the Consortium, this provides an opportunity for patrons to try out and get comfortable with downloadable media. The pilot will be evaluated regularly to determine its effectiveness.

Beth notified the Library Board of Trustees that the library was withdrawing all audio books on cassette, due to lack of use of this format. Books on CD remain extremely popular and demand continues to rise for all ages groups.

Beth gave an overview of the framework for the permanent online Texas City History exhibit being created and developed by Library staff. Board members offered their support and assistance in this project.

The Friends' annual meeting was held on Monday evening, Feb. 8th. Library Board members suggested that Mayor Doyle be asked to give a talk on the State of Texas City after the next Board meeting. This talk would be scheduled at 5 pm and would be open to the public. Gerry Steed will talk to Susan Chapa about this.

The next meeting was set for Monday, April 26th at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned about 4:45 pm.