

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

April 26, 2010

Present: Gerry Steed, Elaine Schmitz, Hallie Ketchum, Nelle Leach, Shirley Mapps, Sara Moreno, Stephanie Doyle, Mary Ann Reed, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Clay West

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from Feb. 22, 2010 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.
2. The Library has completed an upgrade of the circulation software and an upgrade of the main server and its operating system. The installation of the self-check station is expected to be completed before June 1st. Some funds remaining from that project will be used to upgrade the network wiring for the computers.
3. The Friends of the Library group have donated \$2000 for the purchase of audio books and an additional \$1000 for large print. All audio books have been purchased, and about half of the large print materials have been ordered and received. These materials have been much appreciated by library patrons.
4. Summer programs are available in basic format, and were published in the April 1st newsletter. Full programs will be available by mid-May and will also be loaded on the library's website. All required reading for regular, preAP and AP English classes for La Marque High School will be covered in the library's special program for required summer reading this summer. TCISD summer reading requirements are much less than last year, which will allow more of La Marque ISD's requirements to be covered this summer. Opportunities for younger children to be involved in gaming are also being added to the summer schedule. All Board members (and other adults) are encouraged to participate in the adult independent reading portion of the summer program to emphasize the importance of reading in the lives of persons of all ages.
5. Beth reminded members that the subscription to downloadable audio books through Overdrive will become active on May 1st. Users will need a library card from Moore Memorial Public Library to use this service. The Reference staff will be available to help users learn to use this service.

Hallie Ketchum moved, and Mary Ann Reed seconded, a motion to amend sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII of the bylaws regarding the position of representative to the Houston Area Library System Advisory Council. The motion passed unanimously, and the proposed amendment will be submitted to the City Council for approval in May.

Beth presented a request from the Texas City Ancestors organization to have the library digitize the microfilm copies of the Texas City Sun which are on loan to the library. Besides the lack of legal right to do so under the current agreement, allocation of library staff to this project would require suspension of current projects, and is estimated to need about 20 years at current resource levels to digitize, index and organize the back issues. Beth also distributed the current prioritized list of archival/historical projects being used in strategic planning. The project just being started - preservation, organization and analysis of the Mainland Company records-is expected to take about 3 years at current levels of resources. Due to the condition of the materials, and the important of Col. Moore and the Mainland Company in early Texas City history, as well as the scope and size of the collection, library staff believe it is critical that this project not be further delayed. After discussion of resources available, and resources required, Library Board members recommended that the current priority of archival/historical projects be left in place.

Beth reminded Board members that Mayor Doyle would be giving the State of Texas City talk at 5:30 p.m in the meeting room and invited them to stay.

The next meeting was set for Monday, June 28th at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned about 4:45 pm.