

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

October 22, 2012

Present: Shirley Mapps, Clay West, Mary Ann Reed, Hallie Ketchum, Sara Moreno, Arcadio Rodriguez, Barbara Briney, William Johnson, JoAnn Hackbarth, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: No members were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. Minutes from the August 27, 2012 meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

New Board members Rodriguez, Briney, Johnson and Hackbarth were welcomed.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. All part-time shelver positions with the Library have been filled. The part-time Children's assistant position will be lost.
2. The Galveston County Library System budget has been approved by the Galveston County Commissioner's Court. It is basically a flat-line budget. Moore Memorial Public Library will receive approximately \$70,000 in direct allocation (population based). This money is primarily for library materials.
3. Usage statistics for FY 2012, while not fully analyzed at the time of this meeting, show an increase in materials circulation and in reference questions. Computer usage is trending slightly downward, probably due to more use of personal laptops and notebook computers. The library's wireless network is being used more heavily, but no counts are available under the existing setup.
4. Fall adult programming is underway and includes new computer classes as well as individual programs on a variety of subjects. Computer classes generally fill up very quickly on the morning of the class day.
5. In the Garden of Beasts by Eric Larson was the book discussed for Texas City Reads 2012. A forum on foreign interventionism with a panel of 5 experts was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 1^{8th} at 6:30 pm at the Museum and was very successful. Beth thanked the Friends of the Moore Library for their help in these programs.
6. The Library's budget was approved by the City Commission. There was additional funding approved for ebooks for children and for replacement of the lights in the library.
7. The World War II local history team has completed a large round of interviews. Work is in progress to finalized the transcripts and examine the video recordings to determine how best to proceed with a video mosaic of the information gained about Texas City during the War years.

No old business was discussed.

The updated Collection Development Policy for Moore Memorial Public Library was discussed. It will be voted on at the December Board meeting.

Sara Moreno discussed the required reading for pre-AP English students and the hardship purchase of so many books might be for some students. It was suggested that she discuss this matter with the High School administration or English teacher.

A committee of the returning Board members was appointed to develop a slate of officers for the December Library Board Officer positions. Beth will need the ballot/slate by Thanksgiving to duplicate it for the December Board meeting.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the board members voted to move the scheduled December Board meeting to December 10th at 4 pm.

An orientation meeting for new Board members was set for November 5th at 4 pm at the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2012 at 4 pm in the Holland Meeting room.