

Moore Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2017

Present: Bridget Buffa, Clara Irby, Bill Johnson, Bette Rac, Karen Ivory, JoAnn Hackbarth, Elizabeth Blackburn, Beth Ryker Steiner and Nick Finan.

Absent: Sara Moreno, Shirley Mapps

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Minutes from the June 26, 2017 meeting of the Library Board were approved as written. (The August 28, 2017 Board meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.)

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. Beth reported that Library Programs for children and teens during this summer have been prolific with multiple programs per day on a wide variety of subjects.
2. There are two staff vacancies at this time. The vacant positions are the Young Adult/Public Services Librarian and a shelver position. The City of Texas City remains in a hiring freeze so no positions can be filled at this time. There is no indication how long the hiring freeze will last. At this time, library service hours have not been cut.

Old business:

1. Beth reported that the FY 2018 budget for the Library had been passed with the City Budget in early September. Capital projects, even if approved as part of the budget, are not to be implemented until at least the beginning of the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year.
2. The FY 2018 budget for the Galveston County Library System was also approved by the County Commissioner's Court in late summer. The proposed budget is similar in funding requested to the FY 2017 budget with a slight increase.

New business:

1. Elections of Board Officers will be held at the December meeting. President Bill Johnson will canvass absent board members to develop a slate of officer candidates.
2. Board members unanimously agreed to move the December Board meeting to Monday, December 11th due to the Christmas holidays.

Comments and questions:

1. Some discussion was held about the pricing and selection of electronic resources, particularly ebooks.
2. A reminder was given that the annual Friends of the Library meeting would be held in January. Bill Johnson asked that Board members be present if possible.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:00 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Dec. 11, 2017.