

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- Nancy Woods

Also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Bertha Chandler, Assistant Director
- Marilyn Gagalis, Administrative Assistant

Minutes from the December 2008 and January 2009 meetings were reviewed and approved. There was one correction made to the January 2009 minutes. Mr. William Barry's name was spelled incorrectly.

Correspondence was acknowledged.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the December meeting.

Ms. Flannery presented the board with samples of the library's logo, changed to reflect the new addition. After a brief discussion, board members made their suggestions to Ms. Flannery to bring back to the designer. Also available for the trustees' approval were samples of the elevator signs directing patrons to each building. Again, board members made suggestions to Ms. Flannery for her consideration.

Ms. Flannery mentioned the current economic situation may affect the City's decision to move forward on the Collins project. Due to unanticipated additional costs, the library's budget cannot cover the cost of the project. It is unclear if the project will proceed.

Ms. Flannery announced that a \$10,000 donation had been made to the endowment fund for the purpose of exploring new technologies for use in libraries. Nancy Woods suggested that John Gintell and Kathleen Gilroy be invited to speak to the Board about where technology is going and how the library can participate. Board members also discussed the scheduling of individual fundraising events. The Fundraising committee will meet again shortly to plan these events with Mr. Roosevelt who was not in attendance.

Ms. Flannery reported on budget discussions she had with the City Manager and the difficulty that the city will face in the next two years.

Ms. Flannery reviewed with the board an incident that occurred at the Central Square Branch regarding computer use. Police were called to investigate and an arrest was made.

The CPSIA, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act requires that all toys intended for children twelve and under be inspected for lead. Ms. Flannery informed the board that books were included in this act. There is an effort to exclude books from this act.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on March 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lewis Room at the Central Square Branch Library.

Andre Mayer, Secretary