

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
November 9, 2011
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Trustees' Room, 449 Broadway. 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 for Human Resources
 - Marilyn Gagalis, Administrative Assistant/Programming

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from:

- Jin Li
- Kate Fichter
- Rob O'Brien
- Dan Wuenschel

Old Business:

- Janet Axelrod informed the board that due to fundraising efforts and, after meeting with a potential donor, the library has been promised a significant gift to the Cambridge Public Library Fund. In addition, the library will be given the gift of a piano that has been decorated by a well known illustrator. Susan Flannery has already met with the donor to discuss potential uses for this gift.
- Bertha Chandler provided the board with an update on personnel issues, library trends, new hires and vacancies. Ms. Chandler reported that she receives 150-200 applicants for every part time entry level job advertised and has hired a total of 55 new employees since 2009, mostly part time. We currently have 5 full time and 3 part time vacancies to fill. After a brief discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Chandler for her in depth presentation as well as for her dedication and perseverance in providing the library with outstanding staff.

New Business:

- Susan Flannery informed board members that Drew Faust, President of Harvard will speak at the Main Library on January 10, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Mayer, Secretary