

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
September 21, 2011
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 21, 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
 - James Roosevelt
- Also present:
- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
 - Marilyn Gagalís, Administrative Assistant/Programming

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from:

- Shirley Carpenter, Gerry Bergman, Sandra Albano (2), Jennifer Garcia

Old Business:

- Alyssa Pacy, Library Archivist presented a demonstration of the new digitized Cambridge Chronicle.
- Nancy Woods provided an update on fundraising efforts. She will be meeting with the Board of the Friends of the Library to explain how both groups can coordinate their fundraising efforts and support each other. In addition, Ms. Woods discussed the possibility of applying for an NEH grant and pursuing additional leads for funding.
- Board members asked Ms. Flannery about the opening and use of the Lewis Room at the Central Square Branch and discussed the continuation of the summer hours at that location.

New Business:

- Susan Flannery reported that Consigli, the contractor for the Main Library building, was receiving an award for their work on the Cambridge Public Library on October 6, 2011.
- Nancy Woods mentioned that she has received training to become a library docent and that the training was professional and sophisticated.
- Marilyn Gagalís updated board members with a schedule of upcoming events including an evening with T. Berry Brazelton, MD, a performance by the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, and New England Poetry's return to the library with their "Poetry on Broadway" series. Ms. Gagalís also provided an update on this year's "Cambridge Reads" program. "A Season of Remembrance" is the title, and it will feature Sebastian Junger speaking at Sanders Theater on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, a film series featuring movies representative of many US wars and conflicts ending with the academy award winning documentary "Heart & Minds" and a special appearance by the director Peter Davis. The grand finale will be a Civil War encampment on the library's lawn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Mayer, Secretary