

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
September 5, 2017
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on September 5th at 5:00pm in the Trustees' Room, 449 Broadway. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Karen Kosko
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods
- Also present:*
- Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries

Minutes from the June 8th and June 27th meetings were approved.

Summer Events Update

- Ms. McCauley provided members of the Board with an update of all CPL's summer events including Our Path Forward author events (Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, Chuck Collins, Michelle Kuo), Monkey Business documentary screening, Wayfarers STEAM course, Eclipse Day, O'Connell branch's 120th anniversary, and changes at O'Neill & Collins branches.
- Ms. Axelrod commented that there had been some confusion about the recent Cambridge Day event (not sponsored by the Library) and requested further clarity in CPL communications/signage about which events are Library-sponsored.

New Business

- Ms. McCauley provided members of the Board with an update on the Valente construction project and the potential MBLC grant.
- Ms. Axelrod re-opened the discussion regarding Cambridge City Council's request of a naming opportunity at the Cambridge Public Library in honor of Rich Rossi. All members agreed that they would like to honor Mr. Rossi in some way.
- Reviewing the research gathered on previous naming activities at the library and its branches, it was apparent that there was no consistent approach applied, but the overall philosophy has been naming library buildings and spaces in recognition of service to the Library.
- Mr. Roosevelt noted that the Board needs to develop a policy to guide Trustee decision-making regarding naming requests at the Library. Trustees would like more information about how naming is handled elsewhere and to develop guiding principles to apply.
Action Item: Ms. McCauley to find staff member to assist with research.
- Trustees agreed that some communication should be sent to City Council.
Action Item: Ms. Axelrod to draft a letter reporting the progress so far and next steps.

Upcoming Events

- Ms. McCauley reminded members of the Board about the Foundation's **Dream Big: Democracy Matters** fall event, occurring October 3. Over 100 people have registered.

Action Item: Members were invited to RSVP for themselves and a guest to either [Paula Kozlowski](#) or [Susan Hartnett](#) at their earliest convenience.

- Ms. McCauley informed members that the Creative Aging drawing course, starting Sept 20th, was filled within 30 minutes of registration opening.
- Ms. McCauley invited members to join us for the *Left on Pearl* documentary screening Sept 26 and the Poetry Reading event on Sept 27.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Woods, Secretary