

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2006 at the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- William Barry
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods

Also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Bertha Chandler, Assistant Director for Human Resources
- Marilyn Gagalís, Administrative Assistant

Minutes from the May 30th meeting were approved.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the May 30, 2006 meeting.

Ms. Flannery also informed the board that she was trying to set up a meeting with the Cambridge Police Department and their attorney to explain the library protocol for implementing a “no trespass” order. We appreciate the support of the Cambridge Police Department and would like them to know the steps that we take before a “no trespass” is issues.

The meeting dates for 2006/2007 were revised. A copy of the new list will be provided at the next meeting.

Bertha Chandler reported on two (2) new educational initiatives in which the library will be involved this fall. MASSblast is an internship that involves a ten week course of study during which an intern is engaged four hours per week with library, professional development, and research activities. The program will recruit interns who are ethnic or racial minorities or who are first generation in their family to attend college. This program is a joint project of Simmons College Library, Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and the Healy Library at UMass Boston.

The second program is a practicum from September through December for an on line student from the University of Mississippi. This is an internship for her Masters in Library and Information Science. Patricia Payne reported positively on her experience with this type of practicum.

Ms. Flannery updated the board on recent requests by the Police Department for information about library patrons. The state’s confidentiality law requires libraries to not disclose names and the records of library users. She presented a draft policy and solicited board opinion. She will return with an amended version at a future meeting.

Ms. Flannery spoke to the board about the need for library PR. She is attending a PR seminar offered through the Metrowest Minuteman Network.

James Roosevelt asked about donor recognition in the new library building. Ms. Flannery requested that the trustees form a sub committee to discuss this issue and formulate a policy draft to be discussed by the board. Nancy Woods, Andre Mayer and Susan Flannery will serve on this committee. It was also suggested that Janet Axelrod be invited to join.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library at the Longfellow School.