

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

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

Also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Madeline Amorosi, Assistant Director for Public Services
- Marilyn Gagalis, Administrative Assistant

Minutes from the April 10th meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from Sandra Albano, Mayor Kenneth Reeves, and Elaine Kistiakowsky.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the April 10, 2006 meeting.

Alan Burne addressed the board, updating them on the status of the construction bids and the proposed cuts to the building project. The goal is to cut \$15,000,000 in costs, revise bid documents, and re-bid the project. Qualifications are due Thursday, June 1, 2006. Sub-contract bids are due August 3, 2006 and general contractor bids are due August 24, 2006.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that the Town of Medway had voted to not fund their library. Ms. Flannery informed board members that there is a state regulation that requires all libraries that accept state aid to serve patrons from any library system that is state certified. Medway, Massachusetts will not meet those standards therefore, the Board voted unanimously not to provide services to the patrons of Medway. It was also unanimously decided that the Cambridge Public Library will take this same stand with any other libraries in the same position.

Downloadable audio books will be available as of June 1, 2006. All library patrons will be able to download an audio book to their computer and MP3 player as of this date. The system will not work for ipods and the download must be done on the patron's personal computer.

Ms. Flannery reported that a historic cabinet had been donated to the library by the Vandermark family. It is reported to have been made with glass for a carriage made by the Henderson Carriage works in Porter Square.

Board members agreed unanimously to invite facilitator Steve Miller to the next meeting (June 12, 2006) for a planning session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, June 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Children's Program Room at the Longfellow School.

Andre Mayer, Secretary