

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, March 19, 2007 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

Also present:

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

Correspondence was acknowledged.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the February 12th meeting.

Maria Balestrieri provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Board about the Literacy Project of the Cambridge Public Library. Maria is the Literacy Coordinator for the library and has expanded the program beyond the boundaries of the Central Square Branch. Board members requested that this presentation be replayed for City Council members, the City Manager and forums where potential literacy project participants may be in attendance. The Board applauded Maria and her outstanding efforts to expand this program and commended her on her impressive presentation.

Ms. Chandler provided a personnel update for the Board. There has been a lot of activity in this area with promotions, new hires and resignations. Ms. Chandler also reported on the success of the recent Staff Development Day. The staff agreed that they would like to have this occur on an annual basis rather than biannually. Mr. Barry suggested that the Board vote to have a staff development day each year. The vote was unanimous.

In response to requests by the Board to include participation by high school students in the building project, Ms. Flannery reported that she and Madeline Amorosi, Assistant Director for Public Services had been working with the Media Department at CRLS to have the students produce a documentary about the history of the library.

The Library will participate in the Cambridge Science Festival to be held in April. This is the first event of its kind and many businesses and organizations within the city of Cambridge are participating. After a discussion, the Library Trustees agreed to participate by engaging Bill Barry in a discussion/presentation on LEEDS buildings.

In light of the DAC appreciation event next month, Mr. Barry's presentation/discussion on LEEDS buildings was rescheduled to the May 21st meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Monday, April 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library at the Longfellow School. It will be an appreciation dinner for all those who served on the Design Advisory Committee for the Main Library Expansion Project. Susan Flannery, Alan Burne and the architects will prepare slide show and updated drawings of the project.

Andre Mayer, Secretary