

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, October 22, 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
- Nancy Woods

Also present:

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

Minutes from the May meetings were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged.

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

Meeting dates for the 2007/2008 year were discussed. The January meeting is generally a joint meeting with the Friends of the Library Board. Ms. Flannery will check with Friends Board regarding the January 14, 2008 date.

The Fundraising Committee of the Board reported on its progress and shared with board members the information they acquired regarding fundraising experts and techniques that are familiar to the Cambridge community.

Ms. Flannery updated the Board on the Main Library construction project. In general, everything is proceeding without major issues. There have been a few problems with existing Verizon underground lines that have had an impact on the garage design. This may also alter the art project slated for the garage. Those issues are currently being addressed.

Board members discussed the MBLC public hearing with the governor's office regarding library funding. Three line items in the budget are not back to pre 9/11 levels. Two of those are library line items.

Andre Mayer addressed the board regarding State Aid to Public Libraries. He was a representative on the steering committee. The new plan is predicated on additional funding from the legislature. The new program offers incentives and rewards for meeting benchmarks but eliminates existing penalties for not meeting standards.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on November 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library at the Longfellow School.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Andre Mayer, Secretary