

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 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
- Madeline Amorosi, Assistant Director
- Marilyn Gagalís, Administrative Assistant

Minutes from the March, 2008 meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from Robert C. Maier, MBLC and email from pcholloran.

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

Janet Axelrod, Andre Mayer and Susan Flannery reported on the activities of the Fund Raising Committee. They spoke with two members of the Executive Services Corp; Alan Steinert and Al Rosen in a very productive meeting. They proposed moving forward with a fund raising program with the ESC as a consultant.

Madeline Amorosi announced her retirement from the library to become effective May 2, 2008. The Board thanked her for her many contributions to the Cambridge Public Library during her five year tenure and wished her well in her retirement. Ms. Amorosi was grateful to the Board for their unwavering support of her, the library and the community at large.

Ms. Amorosi also reported on the staff development day held on Friday, April 4, 2008 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. The City Manager stopped in for lunch and praised the staff for the outstanding service they provide to the Cambridge Community. The afternoon began with a presentation on the future of technology in libraries by Jessamen West. Alan Burne updated the staff on the Library Expansion project and Susan Flannery fielded staff questions at the end of the day. Ms Amorosi reported that it was a great forum for the exchange of ideas among staff.

Ms. Flannery introduced the Board to a new organizational chart developed by the library's department heads over the course of the last year. It reflects changes and new trends in library services and will allow the library to deliver services in the most efficient way. It is a flexible structure allowing the library to adapt to the many challenges of technology, the new building and increased public demand for services.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on May 12, 2008 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