

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, September 15, 2008 at the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

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

Also present:

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

Minutes from the June, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged.

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

In an update on the new Main Library, Ms. Flannery told board members that tours for the staff to visit the site have begun and she will continue these tours throughout the fall. She also answered a question from the Board about why lights are kept on at the site all night. She explained they are a safety feature and Cambridge police have already arrested 3 suspects stealing copper from the site during that time.

The Board revised the 2008/2009 meeting dates.

It was decided that the Fundraising Committee should meet every other week from now on.

Ms. Flannery presented a possible new project to the Trustees. The Kendall Square Reading Room is being privately developed and could potentially be staffed by Cambridge Public Library staff. The idea was recently presented to Ms. Flannery but more details need to be ironed out before this could become a viable project. Ms. Flannery will update the board on this matter in the future.

Ms. Chandler reported that new Assistant Director for Public Services is Karen Brown and she will start in two weeks. Ms. Brown comes to Cambridge from the Winchester Public Library and was a Cambridge Public Library staff member before that. She brings the strength of varied experiences to Cambridge and is also familiar with the city, its policies and its people.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on October 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library at the Longfellow School. This will be a planning meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Andre Mayer, Secretary