Cambridge Public Library Board of Library Trustees October 21st, 2015 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on October 21st, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Trustees' Room, 449 Broadway. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Karen Kosko
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods Also present:
- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Evan Sipe, O'Neill Branch Manager

Minutes from the September 24th meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from Julia Quincy.

Old Business:

- Ms. Flannery submitted end of the year financial reports from the Cambridge Community Foundation. Ms. Axelrod and Ms. Woods reported on the establishment of Cambridge Public Library Foundation's Board and ongoing monthly strategic planning meetings of the fundraising Executive Committee.
- Ms. Flannery updated the Board on timeline for closing the Valente Branch in preparation for new construction project, and let them know about October 22nd Community Meeting.
- Ms. Flannery updated the Board on the timeline for completion of work at the O'Connell Branch.
- Ms. Flannery reported on the renovation project at the Manning Apartments adjacent to the Central Square Branch, which will improve the courtyard and drop-off area. She shared plans and renderings of courtyard design and how the project will affect the Branch.

New Business

- Ms. Sipe, the new O'Neill Branch Manager, introduced herself to the Board and shared some of her ideas programming and outreach at the branch.
- Ms. Flannery reported on issues with new catalog platform and ongoing communications between the vendor, III, and MLN regarding customer service problems. MLN has scheduled a meeting with new III president in November. Ms. Flannery asked the Board to sign a letter of support encouraging III to work with MLN to address these problems.
- Ms. Flannery let the Board know about an upcoming program, "Stand With Ahmed Clock Building Project," co-sponsored with MIT and Lesley maker-spaces.
- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,