

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of September 22, 2015

The Library Trustee meeting of September 22, 2015 began at 12:04 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, Jessica Jimenez, Mel Blake, Beth Cournoyer, Maureen Gullekson, Chairman Dick Whitney and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting were read. Mel Blake motioned to approve the July minutes and Beth Cournoyer seconded. So voted.

Gary Bridgman gave a brief overview of Trustee bank accounts notifying the Trustees of the balance of the discretionary funds and expenses. Gary motioned to move the money from the Tarquinio fund into the endowment fund. Mel Blake seconded. So voted. Gary will speak to the Town Accountant about the transfer.

Under the category of old business, Chairman Dick Whitney confirmed that the monthly Trustee meeting will take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon. Regarding the book sale, Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library will be selling the book and will also be responsible for the sales tax. The purchase of 28 Foster Street by the Town of Southbridge is complete. Margaret Morrissey notified the Trustees of various repairs that are needed at the Library. The Trustees suggested that the Town Manager visit a Trustee meeting to discuss the repairs. Robin Weber suggested a budget for capital improvements. Margaret notified the Trustees that the Bicentennial playing card for the Library will be the two of diamonds and that she has submitted a photo.

Reaching For A Star Sculpture-Margaret Morrissey informed the Trustees that the Claire Birtz Foundation has voted to give the Library \$7500 for the acquisition of a sculpture in addition to \$2000 from another donation. The sculpture will have a rusted look and will feature a figure reaching for the stars. Dick Whitney motioned to endorse the Reaching For A Star Sculpture and for Margaret to continue the project. He also thanked Donna Silverberg for her help with the sculpture. Beth Cournoyer seconded. So voted.

Margaret Morrissey distributed her report to the Trustees and discussed upcoming programs and various issues with building maintenance. Margaret discussed the need for a new refrigerator and a roof repair, which she suggested paying for from the state aid fund. A discussion took place on the Town's obligations for repairs. Gary Bridgman motioned to approve up to \$1000 for a new refrigerator from state aid. Maureen Gullekson seconded. So voted. Maureen would like to follow up with the DPW regarding repairs.

Jessica Jimenez made a motion to adjourn, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted. The meeting ended at 1:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2015 at 12 PM.