

## *Jacob Edwards Library*

### **Minutes of April 26, 2016**

The Library Trustee meeting of April 26, 2016 began at 12:05 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, Robin Weber, Mel Blake, Maureen Gullekson, Chairman Dick Whitney and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were read. Maureen Gullekson motioned to approve the March minutes, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Gary Bridgman stated that there were no significant changes regarding income or expenses and notified the trustees of current bank balances. Gary will call Bartholomew & Co. to arrange for the trustees to meet with the investment company on July 26, 2016.

There was no old business.

Chairman's Report-Dick Whitney reminded the Trustees that the 200 year anniversary celebration for the Town of Southbridge will occur on May 14, 2016. Robin Weber motioned that Margaret Morrissey is to decide which photograph of the Library to submit for the 200 year anniversary book of the Town of Southbridge. Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Margaret Morrissey distributed her report to the Trustees and discussed upcoming programs, building maintenance and safety issues. She notified the Trustees that the Western Mass. Alliance would like to meet regularly at the Library. Dick Whitney said to apply the current policy, which is used for any patron that seeks to reserve a room for a meeting. There will be a meeting policy review at the next meeting. Margaret discussed a teen from California who would like to be a part of the summer reading program. Margaret will email the teen and inform him that it is an in-person program.

Next, Margaret discussed several bullet points of updates which included the following: The Reaching for a Star sculpture will not be completed until after May. There was a gas leak at the Library 4/15 and 4/19/16. Margaret received approval for gutters, windows and interior wall repair at a cost of \$125,000. Margaret spoke to Joan Menard regarding the new long range plan and Joan quoted a price of \$1200 to complete the plan. Gary Bridgman noted that, for the sake of comparison, we should seek a second quote from another choice. The Library received a gift of a portrait of Jedidiah Marcy by Dorothy and John Seabrooke facilitated by Old Sturbridge Village. Margaret discussed the possibility of hanging the bicentennial quilt in the Library and how it would be cared for. The Trustees would like to decide if they want the quilt to hang in the Library. Savers Bank has gifted two benches to the Library. Margaret questioned whether the Library would be open the day of the parade, May 14, and will talk to staff about the options. She also invited Trustees to participate in the parade.

The Trustees observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Evelyn Petrelli and discussed possible ways to remember her (i.e. a book dedication, etc.).

Mel Blake made a motion to adjourn, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted. The meeting ended at 12:55 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 24, 2016 at 12 PM. Approved 5/24/2016