

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of February 23, 2016

The Library Trustee meeting of February 23, 2016 began at 12:05 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, Beth Cournoyer, 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 January 26, 2016 meeting were read. Mel Blake motioned to approve the January minutes and Beth Cournoyer seconded. So voted. Gary Bridgman stated that there were no significant changes regarding Trustee finances since January.

Chairman's Report - The reception for the 100 year anniversary book, *The First Century*, about Jacob Edwards Library was held Thursday, January 28, 2016 and went well. Dick Whitney will attend a Town budget meeting on February 26, 2016. Gary Bridgman asked Margaret Morrissey to explain the books and materials budget and the consequence of losing state aid if fifteen percent of the M.A.R. (Municipal Appropriation Requirement) is not spent on books and materials. For F/Y 2016, the Trustees gave the library \$40,000 annually toward books and materials. The Town provides the remainder of the books and materials budget.

Dick Whitney motioned to purchase a full page advertisement about the Library for a cost of \$250 in the Town of Southbridge's 200 year anniversary book. Mel Blake seconded. So voted.

The Literary Volunteers have requested to use the Reading Room on April 14 for approximately 75-100 people. The Trustees voted to approve this request as long as the Literary Volunteers understand that there is no janitorial service included. This request has been approved by special permission by the Board of Trustees for 2016 and the event must end before 8pm. Beth Cournoyer motions that the Trustees allow the Literary Volunteers to use the Reading Room, under conditions discussed. Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Margaret Morrissey distributed her report to the Trustees and discussed upcoming programs and building maintenance. Margaret also distributed a security report for the month of February and a discussion ensued regarding issues with The Department of Children and Families (DCF) parent/child visits at the Library. The Easterly family has made a donation of stocks which will be used for the *Reaching For A Star* Sculpture. The Worcester Public Library and Boston Public Library will be receiving complimentary copies of the 100 year anniversary of JEL book. Regarding the digitizing project, Margaret asked Gary Bridgman for the AO copyright for three titles. Gary does not know if AO still holds the rights, but will discuss the matter with American Optical regarding AO rights and follow up with Margaret. Margaret informed the Trustees of an Edward's family descendent has introduced himself at the Library. He is possibly Jacob Edward's brother's descendent.

There is no new business at this time.

Maureen Gullekson made a motion to adjourn, Mel Blake seconded. So voted. The meeting ended at 1:10 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 22, 2016 at 12 PM.