

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of September 22, 2020

The Library Trustee meeting of September 22, 2020 began at 12:00 PM. The meeting was held online via GoToMeeting. Present at the meeting were Trustees Robin Weber, Beth Cournoyer, Maureen Gullekson, Mel Blake, Gary Bridgman, Jim Dyer, Dick Whitney and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Barbara Day from the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library was also in attendance. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes of the June 2020 meeting were read. Jim Dyer motioned to approve the minutes, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

At this time, Margaret Morrissey updated the Trustees on curbside pickup/limited in person browsing due to the coronavirus. All full time staff are back to work, four staff positions still need to be filled. Patrons are required to wear face masks and there is limited browsing up to 30 minutes inside the Library. One bathroom is open, with cleaning by the DPW five days per week and professional cleaners four days per week. Materials are quarantined for 72 hours upon return. Margaret is hopeful that in-person programs will resume on October 22, 2020, at which time author Loren Ghiglione will present his new book. Gary Bridgman motioned that the Trustees agree to fund one night's lodging for Mr. Ghiglione at the Southbridge Hotel. Beth Cournoyer seconded. So voted.

Financial Report - There was no financial report at this time. Gary Bridgman has reached out to the Town for financial reports and has not received them as of this meeting.

Chairman's Report - There was no chairman's report at this time. Dick Whitney recognized 25 years of service for Margaret Morrissey and Kathryn Lapriore and will present each of them with a Certificate.

There is no update on new business or old business at this time.

Director's Report - Margaret discussed various repairs made by the DPW. Maureen Gullekson inquired about the status of the John Lewis sculpture. Margaret stated that we are moving forward with the sculpture and she will use state aid to purchase a granite base and possible lighting. A sign advertising "curbside" was smashed and the action was caught on camera. Bench replacement will cost approximately \$1000. Gary Bridgman suggested that Margaret suggest that the Town file a claim against the Town's insurance for the bench, because the Town may in turn claim against the person responsible.

FOJEL – Barbara Day from the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library notified the Trustees that there have been no book sales and the Friends have been paying for cleaning supplies.

Gary Bridgman made a motion to adjourn, Beth Cournoyer seconded. So voted. The meeting ended at 12:53 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM via online format.