

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of January 27, 2009

The meeting of January 27, 2009 was called to order by Chairman John Lachapelle at 12:05 PM. Present were trustees John Lachapelle, Gary Bridgman, Joan Menard, Peter Joyce, Dick Whitney, Paula Dacoles and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

Jack Lachapelle began the meeting by stating that the Library received a check from state aid in the amount of \$17,019.35, with a second payment to come in June 2009. Jack also announced at this time that effective today, he is resigning as Chairman of the Trustees, but will remain on the Board of Trustees until June 2009. Joan Menard will become the Interim Chairperson. Gary Bridgman proposed a resolution thanking Jack Lachapelle for his time, service, etc.

Paula Dacoles began the Financial Report by handing out invoices for signature approvals. Paula discussed current balances of income and expenses leaving an ending balance of \$5,273. Margaret Morrissey stated that many membership fees are coming due at this time. Paula suggested proposing a true budget with all items noted to the Town.

At this time, the minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting were passed out and read. Tammie Darling was instructed to make minor revisions and present revised minutes at the next meeting. Peter Joyce motions to approve the minutes, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted.

Margaret Morrissey began the Library Director's Report by handing out a sheet entitled "Service Statistics FY'09" in which various statistics about the Library from July 2008 through December 2008 were noted. Margaret then discusses a letter from Daniel Chase, a concerned father who wrote about not needing a parent's permission to obtain a library card and the fact that a parent cannot access a child's history of their card usage. Gary Bridgman suggested asking CMRLS if a parent has the right to access a child's record. Margaret will look into the subject and report her findings. Margaret also thanked Jack Lachapelle for all of the encouragement during her transition into Library Director. Coming events include monthly meetings of art shows, mystery groups and films. There is a weekly knitting group and an African art exhibit and lecture on 2/5/09. AARP will be coming to help low income individuals and seniors with their income tax returns. Two professors from Holy Cross will be visiting and signing their book on slavery.

Dick Whitney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm. Gary Bridgman seconded. The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2009, at 12:00 pm.