

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of September 16, 2008

The meeting of September 16, 2008 was called to order by Chairman John Lachapelle at 12:05 PM. Present were trustees John Lachapelle, Gary Bridgman, Joan Menard, Peter Joyce, James Puracchio, Dick Whitney, Paula Dacoles and Interim Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

John Lachapelle began the Chairman's Report by stating that he received a letter from Mr. Vologa about someone talking on a cell phone at the library. John spoke with him and the situation has been resolved. John also welcomed Margaret Morrissey as Interim Library Director.

Paula Dacoles submitted invoices for the trustees to sign.

At this time, the library minutes of July 15, 2008 were handed out and read. Paula Dacoles made a motion to accept, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted. Paula Dacoles made a motion that the Trustees would purchase the gift of etched wine glasses as a gift for James Patterson. Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

The Interim Library Director's Report began by stating that after 3 years tenure, Library Director James Patterson took a job at Northwester Connecticut Community College. The Equal Access Grant is coming to a close with only the financial part of the report due along with a narrative. Upgrades and repairs were conducted in the library by Baystate Technology Solutions along with the purchase of a Wii console through a grant. Megan Couture has joined the library staff, while Paige Mongeau and Sara Chouinard have left the library staff. Currently there is an opening for the Children's Room Library Aide. In the Children's department, summer reading programs are ending, while story hours for fall begin the week of 9/15/08. In the Adult department, the "Money on Main" program ended on 9/15/08, while an investment club will begin on the second Wednesday of each month until the end of the year. Through bequests and donations from patrons, the library has been able to expand its large print collection for western genre and the purchase of a loveseat. Saturday library service resumed on 9/6/08, library card sign-up and banned books exhibits have been put on display throughout the library. Picturing America – Images have been installed around the stairwell due to a grant. Voter registration applications have become available at the library. Hispanic Heritage month began on 9/15/08.

Margaret Morrissey also noted that she received a letter from Suzanne & Anna Dathe to form a math study group at the library. Questions arose wondering if the women were qualified or if the library staff was supposed to promote the study group. Margaret stated that the group would have to take place in the library, not a private room. Paula Dacoles stated that the group should be studying the same materials as the school so there is no conflict. Joan Menard suggested that the group meet at Bay Path College.

Joan Menard left the meeting at 12:45 pm. Paula Dacoles motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm. Father Peter Joyce seconded. The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2008, at 12:00 pm.