

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of February 17, 2009

The meeting of February 17, 2009 was called to order by Interim Chairwoman Joan Menard at 12:05 PM. Present were trustees Gary Bridgman, Joan Menard, Dick Whitney and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Father Peter Joyce arrived at 12:25. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

At this time, the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting were passed out and read. Tammie Darling was instructed to email the minutes of January 27, 2009 to Maddie Daoust, who works for the Town of Southbridge. Dick Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Joan Menard began the meeting by announcing that the 9th Annual Trustee Symposium will take place March 7, 2009 and that she will attend. February 27, 2009 is the registration deadline. There was no financial report since Paula Dacoles was not present at the meeting. Under the category of "old business", a patron who was concerned that he was unable to view his daughter's library record, has since visited the Library and has not raised further concerns. Margaret has researched the subject and found that the Library has no obligation to show her records to her father.

Margaret Morrissey began the Library Director's Report by stating that Jack Lachapelle was presented with a civic citation at the 2/9/09 town meeting for his work as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Jack thanked the Town Council for their support of the Library. Two new staff members have been hired - Linda Walker/clerical work and Molly O'Brien/community service project. MIAA visited the Library to review ergonomics, etc. The children's room is in need of a blind for the window. Margaret attended a Legislative Breakfast on 2/13/09. She wrote a letter to Senators Kennedy and Kerry regarding the Economic Stimulus Plan.

Budget training on KVS is offered and Margaret will train on 2/17/09. Among some items in need of repair are the ceilings, parking lot and replacement of computers on an annual basis. Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library is currently conducting a membership drive. Other items included in the Director's Report:

- AARP will offer tax assistance on 2/14/09 with two more programs planned targeting low income families. The Senior Center will also offer assistance.
- The Library hosted an information session for 23 UMASS undergraduates in the landscape architecture and regional planning working on the Greenways Project.
- The Massachusetts Library Association Conference is planned for the Southbridge Hotel in May 2010. Jacob Edwards Library will host a reception.
- Statistics for January 2009 were read with an attendance of 7,518 for January.
- Upcoming projects include knitting group every Tuesday, AARP tax assistance 2/14, 2/28 & 3/14, book signing 2/19 *Last Words* by author Michael Presutti, FOJEL meeting 2/23, book talk and signing 2/26 *From Bondage to Belonging: The Worcester Slave Narratives*, 3/2 Mystery Book Group, 3/5 Women's Work art show, 3/12 Fraulein, 3/16 &

/26 Transitions and Losses in Life and Caring for the Caregiver by Overlook VNA. 3/27-3/28 FOJEL book sale.

Joan Menard passed around a kindle (electronic book) for everyone to view.

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