

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of March 22, 2022

Chair Robin Weber called the Library Trustee meeting of March 22, 2022 to order at 12:03 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Maureen Gullekson, Robin Weber, Beth Cournoyer, Gary Bridgman, Mel Blake, Dick Whitney and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Kathy Van Kamp was also present from Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

Maureen Gullekson motioned to approve the February 2022 minutes. Dick Whitney seconded. So voted.

Chair Remarks – Guest speaker, Kathy Van Kamp, was present to discuss the current events with the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library (“FOJEL”). She noted that the book sale will take place on May 13 and 14, 2022 in the Pioppi Room. Setup will take place on May 12, 2022. Maureen Gullekson suggested that FOJEL/Jacob Edwards Library have a booth at Southbridge AutumnFest in September.

Financial Report – Gary Bridgman pointed out that the Edwards trust accounts have produced approximately \$22,000 in quarterly distributions; and, investment accounts were down as a result of lower stock prices in early 2022.

Vice Chair Report –A Trustee calendar with updates and special events was distributed.

Old Business – Robin created binders for the Trustees, which include bylaws, reports, etc. for the Trustees to take home. Robin Weber and Jim Dyer will be posting the open Trustee position on various websites and Facebook.

Director's Report – Margaret discussed various repairs/maintenance that have been completed at the Library and various programs that have taken place. Margaret received quotes for digital projection downstairs and a smart tv in the reading room and will contact Danielle Deluca to set up a presentation for the new equipment.

Gary Bridgman motioned to accept a donation of a stained glass plaque saved from the former Notre Dame School in memory of Paul Tremblay without conditions. Mel Blake seconded. So voted.

Beth Cournoyer motioned to accept \$300 from the MOMS Club of Charlton and Southbridge to be used for children’s programming. Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Updates will be discussed at the next meeting regarding the new website, capital projects and covid policy changes.

The Trustees presented Maureen Gullekson with a goodbye card. Maureen suggested a digital display sign for the the Library in the future. Beth Cournoyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 PM, Maureen Gullekson seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be held on April 26, 2022 at 12:00 PM.