

Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library February 12, 2024

Members Present: Caroline, Green, Bernadette, Andrea, Barbara (via phone), Beth, Mary, Margaret, Kathy

Bernadette shared that she had created a possible calendar for us to use to set our regular meeting dates. The first Monday of the month with the exception of September (which will be the second Monday of the month) was chosen as the meeting date for consistency.

Bernadette had inventoried two of the three filing cabinets we have (the third one will be inventoried once the key arrives). Among the items found in the filing cabinet were Cat's Meow wooden miniatures of the Library building (to be sold at the book sale), Memories of Southbridge DVDs (go be digitized for placement on YouTube), letterhead, thank you cards, unused ledger book two cash boxes, and many files (with duplicate items in them). Beth made a motion for Bernadette to keep the ledger; Kathy was the second; all approved. Bernadette will sort through the files to retain single copies.

Bernadette also shared her research regarding the 501-3C status. We are listed as a charitable organization with the Attorney General; it states in our bylaws and articles of organization that we have this status but in reality, we do not. Questions arose as to when did it lapse; how much money has been collected since; what tax liability do we face.

Bernadette will research the process and find out what the annual costs might be. Barbara believes that we have not paid any taxes but does file with the Secretary of State annually.

Andrea - interest must be reported and the situation corrected.

Margaret - newsletter is now corrected removing the words "non profit"

Margaret's update on the library programs

Summer reading program will need funding from us of \$300.00

Possible bookmark contest

There is a smart tv/with white board available in the Pioppi Room

Chess club is on a break due to decrease in attendance - drop in chess
still occurs on Saturdays

Bike safety program will occur in February

The Library has received 22 grants from the Cultural Council

Gardening program has 13 people signed up to attend

Corey and Gereen Alerie donated 100 glasses to be used when viewing
the solar eclipse. Donations of gently used books are accepted.

Book sale coming up in early April: we will have 12 volunteers from Cornerstone Bank.
Price list: \$5.00 Fill a bag
\$1.00 hardcover books and jigsaw puzzles
\$0.50 paperbacks
\$1.00 for 2 childrens books and YA
4 for a \$1.00 any DVDs and CDs purchased

Annual newsletter: we will use the letterhead discovered in the filing cabinet. Barbara will create mailing labels; Kathy will purchase envelopes and stamps. Caroline will email copies of her letter prior to the March Meeting. Barbara will share the member database with Margaret.

Raffle of Christmas Quilt will start in mid-October. Louise will pick up the permit from the town clerk. \$5.00 for one ticket or 3 tickets for \$10.00 will be charged.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Van Camp
Secretary