

Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library
Minutes
November 12, 2024

ATTENDING:

Gabriella Ferrantino, Bernadette Meade, Janey Langlois, Gereen Alarie, Andrea Powers, Carolyn McKinley, Larry Day, Barbara Day (on phone), Janet Jenkins, Margaret Morrissey

Minutes from previous meeting (October 7) were approved, seconded and all were in favor.

2025 FY Financials to date were approved, seconded and all were in favor.

We discussed the revenue from the Book Sale including plants and puzzles. The plants and puzzles did well but we don't have statistics. We do not have the figures for the raffles yet.

M. Montigny was the winner of the craft basket raffle. Gereen has posted this on Facebook.

We need to re-order bags. Who has the info to do this? I will add this to the task list I'm maintaining and will send out an update soon.

Discussion regarding how much to donate from the book sale to the chess park is tabled until all accounts are in and all expenses for the end of the year are known.

Southbridge HS cannot do a concert as the date conflicts with the Festival of Giving Trees. Barbara Day will check to see if Trinity school is involved in that also.

Gereen announced we will be attending the Hazelwood Markets draft show at 12 Crane Street Nov 30 and Dec 1 to display the quilt and sell raffle tickets. They are not charging us a fee.

Barbara: Shaws and Stop&Shop will allow us to sell raffle tickets for the quilt INSIDE the stores. Cornerstone is donating \$1000 to the Friends but don't allow selling in their branches. Margaret wanted to know if the permit we have covers out of town; Barbara said it covers where the tax is paid.

We discussed having a presence at Library Events that the Friends support:

Gingerbread House Workshop

Monday, Dec. 2, 6:00pm (Saturday December 7, 2024 10:30am)

Gingerbread workshop at back at the JEL Children's Room.

Monday Dec 2, 2024 at 6:00pm

Saturday Dec 7, 2024 at 10:30 am

Monday Dec 9, 2024 at 6:00pm

Me and My Mini

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 9:30 AM

Creative music and movement class for care giver and baby from birth to 2.5 years

New session starting November 12,19, Dec 3,10, and 17, 2024 at NEW TIME 9:30 AM

Duo Alterity Concert

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Jacob Edwards Library is pleased to host Duo Alterity. It has been many years since their music graced the halls of the library and we are delighted to welcome them back! The event is free and all are welcome! Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 pm.

Andrea volunteered to create a sign up sheet (sent out 12:20 PM on Nov 14)

MEMBERSHIP

One of the points I derived from reading that "All Ages Welcome" PDF is that the organization needs to be easy to join. Paper is a barrier to entry.

We will do a trial of free memberships. We will capture email addresses and of course take contributions.

We need to think about communicating with members more frequently and what we want to say.

CALENDAR

No meeting for December

Regular meeting January 6 2 PM

Book Sort January 13 2 PM