

## **Friends of Jacob Edwards Library Minutes October 7, 2024**

**Attending:** Janey Langlois, Margaret Morrissey, Carolyn McKinley, Louise Pappas, Louise Majewski, Gereen Alarie, Mary Szczygiel, Andrea Powers, Beth Cournoyer, Bernadette Meade, New Members Janet Jenkins and Louise Pappas attended. Barbara Day called in at 2:30 PM.

1. The **minutes** from the September meeting were approved, seconded and all were in favor. The Fiscal Year 2025 YTD Treasurer's report was approved, seconded and all were in favor.

### **2. Officers nominations and voting.**

Proposed Slate was:

President: Carolyn McKinley

Vice-President: Gereen Alarie

Secretary: Andrea Powers

Treasurer: Barbara Day

Louise M nominated the slate. It was approved, seconded, all in favor.

### **3. Mission statement and vision going forward.**

We reviewed the previous mission statement.

- \* Revise when we are designated 'non-profit'
- \* Margaret would like the statement to say we are advocates and ambassadors for the library.
- \* We supplement the library budget; we are not the main source of funds. We raise money to augment the operating budget.
- \* We need to review the mission statements from other libraries (search/request on MBLC discussion board) and distribute results.

### **4. Craft basket raffle/fundraising and membership awareness.**

- \* We sold \$55 - \$60 worth of tickets at the Big Bunny event.
- \* We need to research area craft fairs for next year. How do we get invited? Each fair would need a permit; do these permits cover out of town vendors?
- \* Next year we need to have a table at Autumn Fest - even if it's just for outreach. Louise said one time we had kids decorate leaves and it was a hit.

### **Membership**

Margaret is concerned about declining Friends membership and requested that this be a focus for the forthcoming year for the Friends.

We brainstormed for a bit:

- \* Make it free to join?
- \* Ask buyers at booksale?
- \* Be proactive and contact new members
- \* Add to agenda each month and report on it. Does this mean someone should own this?
- \* Appear on a Southbridge Cable TV program

\* Add info to the town sign.

**5. Book sale SOP review for upcoming tasks.**

\* Barbara is discussing a posting for the electronic sign with the town.

\* Motion: Have a FREE fill a tote bag for teachers with Children's and YA book. Publicize on the area "Free Stuff" Facebook pages. Teachers must bring ID. This was seconded and approved. Who is coordinating this?

\* A-Frame Sign with the correct dates will be dropped off to the library. The Rotary sign will be done at the end of the week and Barbara will take care of getting that sign.

**6. Margaret update and requests.**

Margaret asked for funding for the Gingerbread Houses. She expects it to be less than \$200 for materials. Seconded and approved

Katelyn Cramer was very pleased with our donation.

Holiday Concert December 5<sup>th</sup>. Barbara will contact Music Dept. SMHS. Trinity Catholic Academy will be contacted if SMHS unavailable.

Approved Duo Alterity concert on December 12, for \$400.

**7. Bernadette 501c and Chess Park.**

The application has been received by the IRS but not assigned yet. We discussed donating a portion of the book sale proceeds to the Chess Park.

**8. New business and questions.**

**Fundraising -**

Gereen has sent out an email with ideas.

We should also look at the MBLC discussion list.

**Book Sort** Thursday 10/24, 2 pm

**November meeting moved to November 12, 2 PM**