

Minutes, Friends of Jacob Edwards Library meeting September 09, 2024.

Attending: Andrea Powers, Barbara Day, Larry Day, Bernadette Meade, Carolyn McKinley, Gereen Alarie, Janey Langlois, Louise Majewski, Margaret Morrissey, Mary Szczygiel

A motion to accept the minutes of July 29, 2024 meeting was made; this was seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion: Katelyn Cramer.

- Classes would start the week of September 16th and continue to the end of October; 7 weeks total.
- 30-minute classes, \$40.00 each twice a week =\$560.00 Total.

Then we will re-evaluate further funding.

Museum Passes: We will review the passes we have on renewal dates and revisit the pass program next Spring. We will continue with the free passes. A motion to accept was made, seconded, all in favor.

Margaret wants us to be aware of changing social conditions which may affect the pass program. Other organizations are also offering deep discounts for EBT card holders.

5013c: Update from Bernadette: Application has been filed 9/3/2024. Accountant Dolores Ricci Norcott has Power of Attorney. Filing fee \$600. Accountant's fee \$1,250.

Chess Park:

The Library is using the Friends' 5013c to hopefully allow Chess Park donations to be tax-exempt and to apply for grants. Chess Park meeting minutes are here:

<https://www.jacobedwardslibrary.org/Pages/Index/227737/chess-park>

June 3, 2024 meeting decision to donate some of the book sale revenue to the Chess Park was tabled for further discussion.

Membership:

What are other Friends groups doing about membership? Each of us may want to subscribe to the "friends - MBLC Friends of Libraries Discussion List" to see what other groups have done.

<https://mblc.state.ma.us/sympa/arc/friends/2024-09/>

We have about 40 paid memberships. The mailing list has more people than that. We need ideas to expand our membership. We decided to table this for now.

Margaret mentioned a Massachusetts Friends of Libraries conference and the MBLC LibGuide for Friends as potential sources of information.

Book Sale

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been created for the Book Sale and distributed.

Pioppi and Periodical Rooms have been booked.

Signs:

- We need a new vendor for the large A-Frame Book Sale Sign. The graphics communications department at Baypath might do it.
- The town electronic sign contact: Maritza Santos, Recycling Coordinator
- Sign at the rotary for the booksale: Louise will contact Recreation Director, Michael Brunelle. Globe Sign will make it.

Raffles:

Double raffle tickets are available

Raffle permit obtained by Barbara and filed in the Friends cabinet.

The craft basket will be raffled during the book sale November 9th. Flyer needed.

The drawing for the quilt will take place at the holiday concert December 5. Flyers already created.

Miscellaneous:

- We approved sending funding the Southbridge Garden Club for holiday wreaths. We sent \$80 last year. A motion to accept was made, seconded, all in favor.
- Funding for a concert by *Duo Alterity* \$400 was approved.
- It is also hoped to have the SMHS Music Department perform for the holiday concert. Margaret will contact the school to arrange. A motion to accept was made, seconded, all in favor.
- FOJEL Brainstorm meeting September 26, 2 pm. Topics: membership expansion, ideas to generate revenue
- Sort books 9/17 2:30 PM