

Friends of Jacob Edwards Library
Minutes
March 5, 2025

In Attendance: Louise Majewski, Kathy VanCamp, Andrea Powers, Carolyn McKinley, Margaret Morrissey, Janet Jenkins, Greene Alarie, Beth Cournoyer (arrived later).

Financial Report: A motion to approve was made by Kathy and was seconded by Gereen.

Past Minutes: A motion to approve was made and seconded by Gereen.

Last Saturday, Gereen and Janey picked up books from various locations (rather than have people bring them to the library). Gereen considers it a success. We agreed to do more book pickups each month, starting in May 2025.

One of the people giving books said she was having vision problems so Margaret provided Gereen with a link to the talking book library for that person. (<https://talkingbook.mywpl.org>)

We discussed the 501c3 application as it might pertain to Chess Park contributions. The discussion was suspended at Margaret's request, as Bernadette was not present and is the liaison, as Chair of the Chess Park Committee.

Membership - we discussed if the \$5.00 dues was an obstacle to new membership. In a previous meeting we thought the act of payment itself might be the impediment. We identified more questions: If we eliminate the dues, will we offer the first year free and charge dues for the subsequent years? How do we notify the current members of this? Do we have all their email addresses?

There is a membership list of 25 people who have paid dues and most have email addresses.

We also discussed having more and regular communications with the members and having a list of what we send. Do we send a link to the library newsletter each month? A link to the FOJEL page on the library website?

Send an email to Jessi McCarthy the week before the first of each month to update the newsletter.

We reviewed the draft of the bylaws re-write. I will document this in a separate email.

Book Sale: we will not have plants for sale in April 3rd – April 5th. Barbara will confirm Travelers will take the leftover books. Carolyn will confirm the room reservations.

Louise requested we put aside wellness related books for the wellness fair to be held at the Senior Center.

Book sale meeting March 24 1 PM.

Margaret gave an update on Library events.

Museum Passes: we agreed Barbara could renew the Tower Hill pass.