

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of April 22, 2025

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of April 22, 2025 to order at 12:07 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Bernadette Meade, Gary Bridgman, James Dyer, Dick Whitney, Mel Blake, Janet Jenkins and Liz Golz. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes for the March 25, 2025 meeting were read. Janet Jenkins motioned to accept the minutes, Mel Blake seconded. So voted.

Chair Report – James has reached out to Carolyn, President of FOJEL to discuss a summary of goals. He is still waiting for a response.

The draft ICE procedure is under review at the Town Hall. At this time, in the event of a visit from ICE to the Library, the procedure is to call the Town Hall or police department if the Town Hall is not open.

Financial Report – Gary Bridgman motioned to direct the Town Treasurer to move all but \$50,000 from checking account to Bartholomew account. Mel Blake seconded. So voted.

Margaret Morrissey asked the Trustees for a books/materials donation for FY '26. She will get back to the Trustees with a final figure needed for books/materials.

FOJEL – Bernadette Meade discussed the April book sale and notified the Trustees that FOJEL will offer free membership dues for the time being. Regarding the 501(c)(3) status, FOJEL is still waiting to hear from the IRS. They do not want to use the status for grants unless they obtain a letter from an attorney saying that they are not liable if the funds are used for unauthorized purposes.

Chess Park- Bernadette presented a PowerPoint presentation about the Chess Park outlining timeline/budget/fundraising. At this time, the bid documents are complete. The next meeting for the Chess Park is May 15, 2025.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming and patron behavior in the Director's Report. Margaret discussed the need for a new phone system after experiencing spotty reception during calls.

New Business – Dick Whitney motioned to donate a sum as a donation from Trustee not to exceed \$50,000 for books/materials for F/Y ending 2026.. Janet Jenkins seconded. So voted.

Bernadette Meade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 PM, Mel Blake seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be on May 27, 2025 at 12:00 PM.