

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of January 23, 2024

Bernadette Meade called the Library Trustee meeting of January 23, 2024 to order at 12:01 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, Mel Blake, Bernadette Meade, Janet Jenkins and Liz Golz. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. The Trustees observed a moment of reflection following the passing of James Dyer's mother.

Mel Blake motioned to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes. Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Chess Park-Margaret is waiting to hear from the Town regarding fundraising before moving forward on the Chess Park project.

A/V Upgrade-Ockers has installed a new 86" television, which has a white board and can connect to other computers, in the Pioppi room. Training will begin in late January. Ockers anticipates a 65" television with similar functionality for the upstairs of the Library will cost approximately \$4,500.

Mel Blake motions to accept the quote from Ockers in the amount of \$5,651 for television/computer. Janet Jenkins seconded. So voted.

Financial Report – Gary Bridgman notified the Trustees that there is approximately \$2,248,690 in the Endowment Fund.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of landscaping, elevator repair, HVAC, Children's Programming and other items in the Director's Report.

Gary Bridgman motioned to accept the gift of \$300 from Malenfant Company. Mel Blake seconded. So accepted.

New Business-Margaret discussed with the Town Manager appointing a Poet Laureate – Bill Trembley.

Bernadette Meade suggested a donation to Franklin Library in memory of James Dyer's mother. Bernadette motioned to give \$100 to Franklin Library in memory of Barbara Dyer. Mel Blake seconded the motion. So voted.

Bernadette discussed the structure of the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library and if they needed to file with IRS and MA Attorney General. Also discussed were FOJEL book sales and \$22,000 in FOJEL bank accounts.

Gary Bridgman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 PM, Mel Blake seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2024 at 12:00 PM.