

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of March 25, 2025

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of March 25, 2025 to order at 12:04 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 February 25, 2025 meeting were read. Mel Blake motioned to accept the minutes, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted.

Chair Report – James will discuss Margaret’s retirement with the Town.

Financial Report – There was no financial report at this time.

FOJEL – Bernadette Meade discussed that the 501(c)(3) application has been submitted to IRS and FOJEL is still waiting for approval. A follow up call has been placed to the IRS, but Bernadette could not get through at this time. FOJEL will conduct a book sale in April and books/puzzles are needed. James will invite the President of FOJEL to the Trustee meeting in April to discuss a summary of goals. A review of the draft Memorandum of Understanding between FOJEL and JEL will be added to the agenda for the April meeting.

Chess Park- Joe Coan is currently working on detailed construction documents for bidding which will be ready this week. The committee has applied for a grant from Lowe’s and is still waiting for a response. Bernadette will be presenting a Powerpoint presentation in May regarding donations for the Chess Park. The committee will be contacting other chess groups for endorsement.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming and patron behavior in the Director’s Report. Margaret reported an incidence of vandalism in the bathroom where the sink was ripped off the wall.

New Business – Consideration of ICE procedure – Margaret distributed a draft procedure for ICE visits to the Library. Mel Blake motioned to wait until the next meeting to discuss ICE procedures. Bernadette Meade seconded. So voted.

Bernadette Meade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 PM, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be on April 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM.