

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of February 25, 2025

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of February 25, 2025 to order at 12:03 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Bernadette Meade, Gary Bridgman, James Dyer, Dick Whitney, Mel Blake and Liz Golz. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes for the November 26, 2024 meeting were read. Bernadette Meade motioned to accept the minutes, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted. Mel Blake abstained from voting.

Chair Report – James reminded the Trustees to complete their Conflict of Interest Training online. Public Notice Bulletin Boards Policy – Margaret will continue to monitor bulletin board usage with the new policy in effect. Internet hotspot borrowing issues have been improved, but still working on it.

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

FOJEL – Bernadette Meade discussed that the 501(c)(3) application was submitted to IRS and FOJEL is still waiting for approval. FOJEL will conduct a book sale in April and books and puzzles are needed. The President of FOJEL will meet with James in the future to discuss a summary of goals.

Chess Park- Joe Coan is currently working on detailed construction documents for bidding which will be ready by Spring. Larry Morrison has joined the committee and intends to help with fundraising. The goal is \$500,000. The committee has applied for a grant from Lowe's.

Garden plans – Bernadette has designed various gardens and will begin planting in the Spring with the help of the DPW. A children's outdoor book garden is planned for the Summer.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming and patron behavior in the Director's Report. Margaret has been notified that the digitization of the pre-1928 newspapers will probably take place next year.

Margaret announced that she will be retiring as Library Director in September 2025.

Hotspot Lending Policy – Bernadette Meade motions, Mel Blake seconds to modify the age from 17 to 18 or older in order to borrow a Hotspot. So voted.

Bernadette Meade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM, Mel Blake seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be on March 25, 2025 at 12:00 PM.