

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of October 24, 2023

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of October 24, 2023 to order at 12:03 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, Mel Blake, Bernadette Meade, Dick Whitney, James Dyer and Liz Golz.. Tammie Darling was also present to record the minutes.

Bernadette Meade motioned to approve the September 26, 2023 minutes. Mel Blake seconded. So voted.

Friends of Jacob Edwards Library- Beth Cournoyer was present as a member of FOJEL to discuss upcoming fundraiser/book sale. FOJEL is considering a book sale twice per year and discussed more promotion regarding joining FOJEL.

Chess Park-Ben Marinelli will attend a future meeting to discuss grants and fundraising.

Long Range Plan-The Long Range Plan has been acknowledged by the MA Board of Library Commissioners.

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

Director's Report – There was no director's report at this time

Literature was distributed to the Trustees regarding book bans. James Dyer will contact representatives Durant and Fattman to discuss the topic importance and the potential problems surrounding book bans, even though this situation is not impacting Jacob Edwards Library at this time. Gary Bridgman discussed his opposition to bill S.2447 because the bill takes away trustee power and gives it to the American Library Association.

Mel Blake motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 PM, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2023 at 12:00 PM.