

**Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library**  
November 13, 2023 Meeting

Members present: Gereen, Janie, Andrea, Larry, Mary, Beth, Caroline, Barbara, Margaret, Kathy

Treasurer's report: \$4926.71 in the checking account; roughly \$13,000 in our two CDs.

Beth went to the recent Trustees Meeting. The Trustees strongly advised us to complete the paperwork for getting a 501-3C non profit status. Barbara mentioned that there is a fee involved; she questioned how it would benefit us as most of our donations are smaller than the minimum in order for it to be used as a tax deduction. Andrea volunteered to research and find out what exactly is involved.

Margaret: there will be a giving link on the Library's website down the road as part of the fundraising for the chess park. Chess club is very popular and active. They will be working on getting a cost estimate for the chess park to be completed and will need to get approval from the town council.

Holiday display: Margaret will look for a table for us to use. Caroline and Katie will help set up a Christmas display on 11/20 at 4:30; rest of the available members will be at the library at 2:00 on 11/20 to sort books.

Holiday concert: On 12/7 the high school chorus and jazz band will present a holiday concert at 6:30 p.m. Expectation is for 40 students to be participating. Barbara will contact Superior Bakery to see if they will once again donate cookies. Beth volunteered to pick up the candy canes and plastic bags. Any available members will report on 12/7 at 2:00 pm to assemble the bags.

Gereen and Corey Alarie will donate glasses to be used on April 8, 2024 when viewing the next eclipse.

Margaret thanked us again for funding the gingerbread houses. She reviewed the times children will be decorating the houses.

Margaret has applied for many grants through the Cultural Council to supplement the library's funding. The library is now fully staffed and she is pleased with the new hires.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Van Camp  
Secretary