

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of October 22, 2024

Bernadette Meade called the Library Trustee meeting of October 22, 2024 to order at 12:01 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Bernadette Meade, Gary Bridgman, Janet Jenkins, Mel Blake and Liz Golz. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes for the September 24, 2024 meeting were read. Janet Jenkins motioned to accept the minutes, Gary Bridgman seconded. So voted. Mel Blake abstained from voting.

Chairperson's Report – Margaret discussed the digitization of certain newspapers with Jake Sadow of Boston Public Library. Stonebridge Press has given permission to digitize the newspaper. Formal agreement will be prepared for Ryan, Business Manager at Stonebridge Press, to sign.

Public Notice Bulletin Boards Policy – Margaret will continue to monitor bulletin board usage with the new policy in effect.

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 waiting for approval. FOJEL will conduct a book/plant/puzzle sale on November 7, 8, 9, as well as an upcoming raffle.

Chess Park- Margaret and Bernadette presented a powerpoint presentation to the Southbridge Planning Board. The Planning Board asked questions regarding funding, maintenance, etc. A discussion took place regarding various methods of donating and whether the Town's federal identification number can be used for grants. JEL website and Facebook will continue to be updated with Chess Park information. Next meeting will be held on November 21, 2024 regarding the chess park focusing on budget, fundraising, social media presence (Facebook), spreading the word etc.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming and patron behavior in the Director's Report.

New Business – The Trustees signed a voucher approving approximately \$750 for options (stand and case) regarding iPad/accessories to support Facebook Live and broadcasting.

Mel Blake motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 PM, Janet Jenkins seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2024 at 12:00 PM.