

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of April 23, 2024

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of April 23, 2024 to order at 12:12 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, Bernadette Meade, Janet Jenkins, James Dyer, and Liz Golz. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes. Also present were Michael Brunelle, Ben Marinelli and Kayla Marinelli to discuss the Chess Park.

The minutes for the March 26, 2024 meeting were not available and therefore not accepted.

Chairperson's Report – The annual reappointment of Bank of America trustees is upcoming. The bank appointed Trustees will need to sign the trustee bank form and fax at that time.

The Education and Human Service Committee budget hearing will be held on May 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

James will draft letter to Western MA Labor Action in response to their letter inquiring about future use of the conference rooms.

Old Business – Bernadette Meade discussed Friends of Jacob Edwards Library – book sale was a success, earning approximately \$900. Data is currently being collected regarding obtaining 501(c)(3) status for FOJEL.

Chess Park- The Town of Southbridge is creating an account for chess park donations. A chess park wish list was distributed for discussion including vendors, cost, etc. Gary Bridgman suggested that a project manager be appointed for the chess park project. Bernadette Meade and Liz Golz agreed to form a committee to meet in May. Kayla Marinelli discussed various grants that may be available and suggested diversifying the committee to include various aspects of interest in the chess park. Margaret would like formal verbiage to attach to the project to present to those interested in donating/helping.

Financial Report – Gary Bridgman discussed endowment account balance. Gary to sign papers certifying that funds are being used for library purposes.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming, patron behavior and cleanliness items in the Director's Report. Margaret also discussed the rising price of natural gas and would like to have a conversation with the Town regarding the budget.

Janet Jenkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1 PM, Bernadette Meade seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM.