

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of October 14, 2008

The meeting of October 14, 2008 was called to order by Chairman John Lachapelle at 12:05 PM. Present were trustees John Lachapelle, Gary Bridgman, Joan Menard, Peter Joyce, James Puracchio, Dick Whitney, Town Manager Christopher Clark and Interim Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

John Lachapelle began the Chairman's Report by stating that he will sometime in the near future resign as a Trustee for personal reasons. Paula Dacoles was not present, therefore, there was no financial report. Library minutes of September 16, 2008 were handed out and read. Peter Joyce made a motion to accept, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted.

The Interim Library Director's Report began by stating that a \$100 donation has been received by Nancy Busch in memory of her aunt and uncle to put toward the reading room photographic project. The two vacant jobs within the library are waiting on medical examinations to be held on October 16, 2008. Programs included a visit by Bill Pepin who presented a program about the changes from analog to digital TV. Hispanic Heritage Month included an evening with Sabor Picante which included song and dance. The management console PC had a malfunction on 10/10/08 which resulted in six hours of lost computer access. Lynn Wolstencroft and Karla Gartsu both attended staff training and development workshops. The final report was presented for the \$1,000 grant awarded for Community Education /anger management. Margaret urged people to vote no on the November 4th Massachusetts referendum Question #1, which would cut state funding for the library. A list of statistics were given on the value of library services for the month of September 2008, including attendance, hours open and number of programs. Upcoming events include SCORE workshops 10/16 & 10/23, Brad Davis poetry reading 10/23, Knitting group every Tuesday, Laura Brueck photographic display through the month, Investment Club 11/12 and at the Library Box Office "The Island" will be played on 11/13.

At this time, Margaret Morrissey was interviewed for the position of Library Director. Dick Whitney stated that Margaret is the most qualified candidate and there is no need to interview others. Gary Bridgman stated that it is up to the Trustees to submit the name of the candidate to the Town of Southbridge. The Town Manager stated that all applicants should be reviewed. Jack Lachapelle will make copies of all resumes and another meeting will be scheduled for 10/21/08.

Peter Joyce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm. Joan Menard seconded. The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2008, at 12:00 pm.