

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of May 19, 2009

The meeting of May 19, 2009 was called to order by Interim Chairwoman Joan Menard at 12:05 PM. Present were trustees Gary Bridgman, Joan Menard, James Puracchio, Dick Whitney, Jack Lachapelle and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Peter Joyce arrived at 12:15. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

At this time, the minutes of the April 28, 2009 meeting were passed out and read. Gary Bridgman motioned to approve the minutes, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted.

There was no financial report, since Paula Dacoles was not present at this meeting. Joan Menard began her report by discussing that the Library will be closed on Saturdays for the summer following Memorial Day. Joan contacted Bank of America and they agreed to pool the Library's investments to charge a lower fee for the accounts. Next, Joan discussed her conversation with Town Manager, Christopher Clark. The first topic addressed gifts to the Library. Gifts to the Library go to the Town of Southbridge unless the bequest specifically states "endowment". MBLC information was given to Town Manager Clark. The idea of holding a Town Council meeting at the Library was discussed. Town Manager Clark thought it was a good idea, with a live feed if possible. The Library would invite the Council and then propose a date for the meeting. Joan Menard will send an invitation for a meeting to be held in August.

Margaret Morrissey distributed her Director's Report for review. April 2009 statistics were included as well as various meetings Margaret attended. Margaret then handed out an Expense Control Report that the Trustees found very difficult to follow. Gary Bridgman suggested having the Town Accountant explain the report. Various exhibits, meetings, etc. were listed in the report for the months of May and June.

Under the category of Old Business, Town Manager Clark suggested that an ad be posted in the newspaper for candidates of the Trustee position to send letters of interest to trustees. Dick Whitney motions that an ad will be posted and a letter of interest to be sent to the Board of Trustees. Peter Joyce seconds. So voted. The Long Range plan was also discussed. Margaret suggested that three meetings be held during the summer at various times with the business community, faith based community, young people, etc. Margaret would like to have these meetings completed by August. By the next Trustee meeting, June 23, 2009, the Trustees need to decide who they're going to invite and what time of the day the meetings will be. Peter Joyce suggested inviting more people because summer is sometimes difficult to gather together groups. Gary Bridgman voiced a concern about Margaret having enough time to handle this project, Margaret stated that she would just use the old report as a starting point. Joan Menard suggested that Tammie Darling take notes at these meetings. As long as Tammie's schedule allows, she will be able to take the notes.

Dick Whitney left the meeting at 12:55, Jack Lachapelle left the meeting at 1:05.

Peter Joyce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm. Gary Bridgman seconded. The next meeting will be held on June 23, 2009, at 11:00 am.