

Etna Library Trustee Meeting
August 9, 2017
3:30

Present: Alexandra Corwin, Ginger Boitnott, Liz Marshall, Barbara Prince

The meeting convened at 3:30 PM

The minutes from the June 21 meeting were discussed. There was a motion to accept them (Ginger). Alexandra seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

Barbara showed some performance indicators for the library, and all increased during the past year. Downloaded ebooks and audiobooks are computed as 25% of what Howe downloads through its website. The only things that did not increase were the uses of the ancestry and heritage databases. Circulation was good in June. Visits to the library are higher in 2017 than in 2016 and program attendance is increasing.

Ginger computed that we are getting more people attending per program, compared to the past 3 years. We used to get about 9+ people per program on average and that is now up to almost 11 people per program on average.

Our circulation numbers are good for a library of our size. Barbara thinks that it is mostly the new books that circulate. The amount of money she spends on books is largely responsible for the large circulation. We thought it might be interesting to compare the Etna Library statistics (for circulation, for example) to another library that is similar in size and community.

There was a discussion of volunteer hours. Most are needed Saturday morning. There is one volunteer who sometimes comes in on Wednesday to shelve.

Old Business

Review of Programs: Many of the summer programs have been very well attended. The miniature donkey and box turtle programs drew over 30 children and adults for each session. Twenty-two people participated in the Historic Wolfeboro Road walk. Good attendance was also seen at other programs, inside and outdoors.

Library Cards: The new library cards have arrived and they were shown to the group.

Coffee Mugs: We agreed that it would be good if we could get a picture of the library that shows the sign out front and some of the addition. It should be cropped to wrap around the mug.

New Business

Fall Programs: We took a look at the new programs for the fall. A tree walk might be added and a slide show of the old schoolhouse might be added as well. The library will participate in the Hanover Fall Fest at Storrs Pond on Sept. 29.

Patron Donation: We discussed ideas for patron donation money.

History Notes: Etna resident Ann Cioffi has transcribed typewritten notes from her mother, Phoebe Stebbins, about Hanover and Etna history. These notes will be put on the Howe Library Oral History page sometime in the future. We will also keep a printed copy at the Etna Library.

The Tunis Schoolhouse off Wolfeboro Road is open for visitors.

Library Coverage: Library coverage is good, making use of the librarians and substitutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday Sept. 13 at 3:30

There was a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz M. Marshall