

Etna Library Trustee Meeting

Nov. 10, 2020, 3:00 PM

Present: Barbara Prince, Kathleen Chaimberg, and Liz Marshall, Elizabeth Cornell
The meeting was held using Zoom because of the governor's emergency COVID-19 plan.
The October minutes were accepted with one amendment.

Librarian's Report

October Circulation: We are circulating a lot of books, although not quite as many as last year, when the numbers were unusually high (mostly for adult books). The number of Overdrive checkouts for Howe and Etna Library (combined) is very large. Canopy – the library's streaming service for movies – also has had high checkout numbers. Without being able to browse in the usual way it is harder for people to find books. The emails announcing new materials have helped however, and the links from each book cover to its summary have been fixed. A discussion ensued about how the patron email list is created. There are a lot of new people moving to town and a few ideas about ways to reach out to them were suggested.

Review of Programs: October outdoor story times have had 2 to 7 children and have been a highlight for Barbara. Not too many families are interested, however. The knitting group typically has between 4 and 5 people and the October book group meeting had 13 people. Pumpkin crafts went to 35 children. Over 20 people picked up mask making kits and 7 adults, some with family members, attended the program. For the rest, sewing instructions were posted on the website. Zoom storytimes continued with between 1 and 5 children. Willem Lange's Jerry Nunally lecture was very popular with 69 adults attending.

Old Business

Library Services: Lots of people have come to the Saturday browsing sessions where books are placed on carts outside. The sessions will continue until the weather no longer permits.

Etna Library Mugs: People have been picking up their mugs. Barbara will deliver a few of the mugs to people who cannot come out.

Plaques on Outside Chairs: Barbara will ask Valley Imaging if they have unfinished brass plaques. We are disassembling the outdoor Internet café now that the weather is getting colder.

New Business

Upcoming Programs: Bob Keene is doing a program on Keene's Lodge. There will be a Thanksgiving stories program. A craft will have kids make a garland of leaves with each one saying what people are thankful for. We will ask Jim Block to do a birdwatching program in the winter. In December, we will do something with (battery operated) candle lights.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale: Plans for the annual pie sale were discussed. We need to arrange for safe delivery of pies and then safe purchasing during the sale. The trustees offered to help.

Next Trustee Meeting: Dec. 8 at 3pm

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall, Secretary