

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes January 14, 2020

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Barbara Prince

The December meeting minutes were accepted without revision.

Librarian's Report: Barbara presented usage and circulation figures for December. Discussion ensued regarding the overall aging of NH and its potential impact on Etna demographics, specifically with respect to numbers of young children in our library community.

Review of programs: Attendance and engagement with December programs was comparable to years' past with beeswax candle making illuminating no less than 28 happy participants.

Old Business

Outdoor program sign: Having identified key desired elements, next steps will include discussion with some of our very talented local design/builders for their input on feasibility.

Gift money purchases: Small budget items discussed included pattern blocks for use in the children's section and supplementary cleaning materials to aid protection of our well-loved wooden floors from the ravages of winter weather.

FY2021 budget: The date has not yet been set for Barbara's presentation to the Selectboard but it is anticipated to be by February.

Volunteer appreciation tea and plaques: The gathering to honor our dedicated volunteers was held and warmly enjoyed by many on January 11 from 10-noon. Jim Block and Elizabeth Tobiasson were chosen to receive special recognition for their long term and selfless service.

New Business

Upcoming programs: The second presentation in the Jerry Nunnally lecture series to be given by Etna's own Jim Block on January 24 will highlight the Dolomite region of Italy through his exquisite photography. A great number of wide ranging ideas for potential future adult programming, from gardening to medical literacy, were then discussed. Tentative plans were made for a volunteer bake-off loosely modeled on the popular British baking show and featuring judges chosen from the Etna Ladies Aid society.

New WiFi access point: Patrons will likely experience improved reliable internet connectivity as the result of a new WiFi access point recently installed.

March Librarians of the Upper Valley meeting: The March LUV meeting will be hosted by the Etna library on 3/16 and will feature a talk by Suzanne Brown on Great Book discussion groups.

Library coverage: No areas of concern were identified.

The next meeting of the trustees will be February 18, 2020 at 3pm