

Etna Library Trustee Meeting

Oct. 13, 2020, 3PM

Present: Barbara Prince, Kathleen Chaimberg, and Liz Marshall

Absent: Elizabeth Cornell

The meeting was held using Zoom because of the governor's emergency COVID-19 plan.

The September minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

September Circulation: Circulation of the Etna Library collection as well as circulation of materials from all sources (at the Etna Library) were both very good in September. We continue to do porch pick-up. Each patron receives an email when the requested material is ready to pick up.

Review of Programs: Children's programs continue to be offered using zoom. In addition, there were two outdoor story time programs last week, with three families attending each. The book and knitting groups continue to meet using zoom. We did not offer an extra craft program for families last month but this month, pumpkin decorating will return! At the end of the month, the kids will show off their pumpkins in a zoom get-together and Sarah will read.

Old Business

Library Services: The Howe Library has introduced outdoor browsing and this idea was discussed as a possibility for the Etna Library. A plan was devised to have a cart of books on the porch for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoons. Perhaps we could ask browsing patrons to record the bar code number and title of material to be checked out. Alternatively, a volunteer could staff the event and write down this information. Barbara or Sarah could then enter the checked-out materials into the computer on Monday when the library opens, following the model of the pre-covid Saturday morning library hours.

Etna Library Mugs: The mugs were redone after the first attempt produced mugs with upside-down images. Some ideas for distributing the mugs to volunteers were discussed. Normally we have a volunteer appreciation tea, but we decided that such an event would not make sense this year, even with zoom. We will take a year off from recognizing volunteers with plaques on our wall as well. We decided that Barbara would notify the volunteers that a mug awaits them and to arrange a time to stop by and pick one up.

Plaques on Outside Chairs: We will wait until our next meeting and talk about the options with Elizabeth Cornell.

New Business

Upcoming Programs: Willem Lange will do a Jerry Nunally talk. Barbara is working on finding a time. Bob Keene is doing a meeting for the historic society about Dogford Road. Zoom story times might resume on Saturdays now that kids are back in school. We will offer a craft program every month going forward. The kids will pick up their craft kits and there will be a monthly program to accompany the crafts.

Next Meeting: Nov. 10, 3PM

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall