

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022 at 3:00 pm
Location: Etna Library, 130 Etna Road, Etna, NH 03750

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Jeff Metzler

The February minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

Review of Programs: Uptick in attendance for virtual Monday afternoon and Friday morning Story Times. Crafts will transition from take-home kits to more in person as public health allows and Sarah is developing crafts for adults. Twenty households tuned in to February's Zoom program featuring explorer Anders Morley. Children's author Clyde Watson presented via Zoom and will be invited for an in-person program.

February Circulation: Etna patrons borrowed 733 items. Etna's own collection circulated 701 items through Etna, Howe Library and inter-library loans.

February Patron Visits: Visits to the library totalled 288. Outdoor pick-up circulation remains available by request.

Old Business

War Memorial plaque: Etna Ladies Aid members Becky LeHaye and Ruth Perrinez joined the March meeting to discuss placement of a memorial to veterans. The group is procuring a plaque and requests installing it near the library entrance as a way of replacing a bygone wooden sign in remembrance of four Etna soldiers killed in WWII.

Library Survey: Jeff and the trustees reviewed results from 45 responding patrons and will consider new ideas and changes.

New Business

Love My Library month: The annual program raised \$600 toward the purchase of new books. Book plates identify the donors or those they wish to honor.

March Programs: Local photographer and bird expert Jim Block will present a Zoom program on his travels in Nepal on March 16. On the 25th, the library will host the NH Health Care Workers for Climate Action, via Zoom.

Updating Binders: Jeff updated volunteer and substitute instruction binders and inter-library loan guidance.

Children's Audio Collection/First Steps Collection: Collections have been weeded accordingly to free space for fresh materials.

Budget Presentation to Select Board: Jeff presented the budget request. In addition to materials and operating expenses, key items include a laptop for patrons, shelves and furniture.

Trustee and Librarian Annual Reports: Reports are due for submission in mid-March.

NH State Library Statistics: Jeff is compiling data to submit to a state-wide listing of public library statistics.

Next meeting: April 15 – Friday – 3pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Cornell, Secretary

