

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022

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

The November meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Librarian's Report: November's circulation numbers saw a modest uptick, with the most notable gain seen in Etna items circulated at 901 (over 770 in November 2021). Patron visits, both virtual (243 site sessions) and IRL (432), held remarkably steady from October numbers.

Review of programs: November StoryTime sessions ranged from an intimate party of 2 to a convivial group of eight, while seven was the lucky number of knitters for both their gatherings. In deference to the often already over-booked holiday season, both the Etna and Stevens road book groups were on hiatus. Twenty three Zoomers are now more knowledgeable about researching historic homes thanks to Andrew Cushing's November 15th presentation.

Donations: A total of \$1450 in community donations to the library was most gratefully received.

Old Business

Thanksgiving pie sale: The annual fundraiser was an unqualified success, raising the astounding (and improbable) sum of \$871, far eclipsing the prior record of \$554 set in 2017. A huge shoutout to all the volunteer bakers, buyers, sign makers and organizers who made it happen.

Building and grounds: The homemade (and awesome looking) I Spy case has proven very popular indeed and has earned its pride of place next to a collection of books after which it was named. The security and fire detection systems review has been completed by TASC0 with no immediate action deemed necessary.

New Business

Upcoming programs: Just in time for the season of giving, Sarah will hold an adult craft workshop on a host of homemade gifts from bookmarks to decorative tiles and totes on 12/14 from 330 to 530 pm.

Volunteer Appreciation: In honor of our Saturday morning volunteers who have now returned and our couriers who have been with us throughout the pandemic, an open house is planned for Saturday, February 11 at 10 am. Discussion ensued with respect to those individuals singled out for noteworthy contributions to be honored with a plaque on our volunteer wall of fame.

Library budget FY2024: Due on 12/19, the budget is in the planning stage.

Vacation staffing: Sarah Molesworth will provide full time coverage while Jeff takes a well deserved vacation Christmas week.

The next meeting of the trustees will be in the new year on January 10 at 4 pm.