

## Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes February 18, 2020

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

The January meeting minutes were accepted without revision.

**Librarian's Report:** Barbara presented usage and circulation figures for January. Library visits and circulation trends were discussed in the broader context of the current demographics of the village. It was suggested that comparing quarterly or year-to-date numbers may provide additional perspective beyond what can be gleaned from a month-month comparison.

**Review of programs:** A Saturday offering of Stories and Art has proven a welcome addition to the Tuesday/Friday program for children. Attendance at the January craft project numbered in the double digits as young readers constructed their very own bookmarks in honor of upcoming National Book month. A much larger but equally enthusiastic crowd gathered at Trumbull Hall on January 24<sup>th</sup> to hear Jim Block present a photographic journey to the Dolomites.

### Old Business

**Etna Memorial location:** Sponsored by the Etna Ladies Aid, a memorial plaque to honor Etna veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during wartime will be installed at the library. Specific placement sitings were debated.

**Upcoming programs:** A busy spring line up of programs will commence on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> with a light hearted take on the popular British baking show, featuring volunteer area bakers and judges. A diversity of hands on programs will follow in March, from flower arrangement to Chinese cooking. Looking farther ahead, the third in the Jerry Nunnally lecture series will feature beloved local writer-storyteller Willem Lange on May 17. Potential speakers and dates for topics promoting increased medical literacy were explored.

**March Librarians of the Upper Valley meeting:** Featuring a talk by Suzanne Brown on Great Book discussion groups, the meeting will be hosted by the Etna library on March 16.

**Gift money purchases:** Allocation of funds for the purchase of Tshirts to be gifted to our generously helpful volunteers was discussed. Further information with respect to cost and design ideas will be gathered and brought back to the group.

**FY2021 budget:** Barbara's presentation of the budget proposal to the Select board is slated for March 4<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall.

### New Business

**Annual trustees report:** A reflection on the library's mission, meaning and service to the community over the past year will be prepared by the trustees by March 3 for inclusion in the town's Annual Report.

**Love my library month:** The library community continues to generously support this yearly promotional event.

**Publicity:** Barbara is to receive training which will allow Etna library events and program listings to be posted on the Howe library calendar webpage in addition to our own site.

**Library coverage:** Barbara will be briefly away in March and April, coverage has been arranged.

The next meeting of the trustees will be March 10 at 230 pm.