

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm
Location: Reading Garden Behind the Etna Library

Present: Barbara Prince, Elizabeth Cornell, Kathleen Chaimberg
The April Minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

April Circulation: Last year we were closed in April so this year's numbers are much better. Circulation of the collection and circulation at the library are both up.

Review of Programs: The number of kids attending zoom story times has waned but the number attending outside story times has increased! We will no longer do zoom story times and will continue with outside story times twice a week. Yay! Dick Baughman had a large crowd at his first presentation on the history of his house and will talk again tonight. Book group had 12 people and knitting had two meetings with 8 and 9 people. Twenty people showed up for the bobcat program.

Old Business

Library Services: Saturday browsing has resumed and is very successful. People are still happy with the take-out service but the outdoor browsing signals a small step toward a return to normalcy.

NH State Library Statistics: This job has been completed and the statistics sent to the state library trustees.

Eagle Scout Project: John Sherman will meet with us Friday at 10am at Costello Field to discuss the placement of a little free library.

New Business

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grants: State libraries can apply for federal money through these grants for covid-related purchases, such as programs or materials to make outdoor programs more accessible. One idea discussed was the purchase of one or two tents for the garden or another area. Anything that would help keep people out of the sun during programs would be helpful.

Transfer of Trust Funds: We have used funds for buying the mugs, doing the Jerry Nunnally lectures, zoom, and paying other presenters. We did not go over our book budget. To cover everything, the trustees approved the transfer of about \$1800.

Succession Planning: We are working with Rubi Simon and Dave Stewart to get Barbara's job posted. We are hoping to have the new person start Sept. 1 with Barbara retiring on Oct. 1. Barbara will send a letter to the patrons.

Upcoming Programs: Dick Baughman will speak tonight. Donna Roscoe will give a presentation on bears on June 15 and Lisa Lacasse will do a program on birds on June 30. Helah Snelling may do some kids' programs this summer. We might try to do some outdoor art programs under the tent. We discussed some options for music programs outside as well.

Summer Reading Programs: After the fiscal year ends, gift certificates will be purchased. The kids will get \$10 gift certificates from Still North Books. For the adults there will be monthly raffles for people sending in book reviews.

Next Trustee Meeting: June 22 at 3pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall, Secretary