

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes June 10, 2022

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

The May meeting minutes were verbally reviewed and accepted.

Librarian's Report: Jeff presented usage and circulation figures for May noting that patron visits and circulation from the collection were both substantially increased compared to April. A total of \$300 in community donations to the library was gratefully received.

Special Event: Over 65 people gathered on May 28 for the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial plaque placed at the library by the Etna Ladies Aid; an event that was many years in the making and aptly chronicled by a photo feature in the Valley News.

Review of programs: Story time saw an uptick in attendance with the summer's approach and the move to outdoors, the book and knitting groups continue to be well attended. On May 23rd we were enthralled by invited speaker Jane Oneil and her tales of true crime from the art world via Zoom.

Old Business

Summer Activities: Oceans of Possibilities is the theme of the summer reading program set to launch on June 17, complete with an original board game for kids to encourage their participation designed by our very own "Captain" Metzler.

Buildings and grounds: Jeff and Sarah have been busy conducting a comprehensive inventory of every item on the shelves in order to update and cross check what is currently in the catalog. The antique clock whose steady metronome is a beloved feature at the heart of this old building is currently in need of repair. With the recent changes to the library hours, the outdoor signage is being updated.

Library Mission Statement: Discussion of rewording the mission statement continued with the aim of making explicit our core values of tolerance, inclusivity, free access to uncensored information and the promotion of literacy.

New Business

Upcoming programs: From Investigative genetic genealogy to an outdoor hands on kids event hosted by UNH marine biologists in keeping with our summer ocean theme, June and July events offer something for everyone.

Seed Library: With a \$1000 grant from NHCF the possibility of offering a seed library is in the planning stages.

Adult Craft: In response to our patron survey, Sarah will offer our first adult craft with stone decorating on July 13.

Library postcards: Preliminary designs for an Etna community mailing to introduce our new website, update our hours and broaden our patron base were reviewed.

Buildings and grounds: Jeff continues to creatively rework the display and organization of the collection to enhance patron experience. A number of "wish list" items for the children's section were discussed.

The next meeting of the trustees will be July 7 at 10 am.