

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
Jan. 26, 2021, 3PM

Present: Barbara Prince, Elizabeth Cornell, Kathleen Chaimberg, Liz Marshall
The meeting was held using Zoom because of the governor's emergency COVID-19 plan. Acceptance of the slightly amended December minutes was moved and accepted.

Librarian's Report

December Circulation Statistics: Circulation of materials at the Etna Library continued to be better than last year. Circulation of the Etna Library collection was also higher. The reasons continue to be a likely result of the convenience of picking up checked out materials from the porch at the library.

Review of Programs: There were no special adult speakers in December but the needlecraft and book groups both had strong showings. Story times continued to attract a lot of children.

Old Business

Library Services: The operation of the library continues to proceed as normal with no changes planned. Outdoor browsing on Saturday mornings is on hold because of the cold weather. Even so, Barbara could roll out the cart for someone who comes and knocks. No plans were made to notify the patrons of this option just yet.

People often come to the library to use the wireless Internet signal. One idea under consideration is to put one of the Adirondack chairs on the front porch for this purpose.

Plaques on Outside Chairs: Valley Imaging can do plastic plaques but they would not be as nice as metal ones. We will look into making plaques out of wood.

New Business

Upcoming Programs: Jim Block's program on birds photographed on islands in Maine is tonight. Henry Homeyer will talk next month in honor of Kay Olsen. The topic: Growing Great Flowers, Including Old Favorites and Lesser Known Beauties. For the children, one mother requested a program by the musician Mr. Aaron, possibly splitting the cost with one or two other libraries. Another suggestion was to have a program on identifying animal tracks and tracking animals.

Budget FY2022: Barbara will meet with town administrators on March 1 to present the budget. Statistics compiled for the fiscal year show the negative impact of the shutdown from March through June.

Trustee and Librarian Annual Reports: We (Barbara and the trustees) are currently preparing our reports, which are due on March 1.

Next Trustee Meeting: Feb. 16, 2021 at 3PM

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall, Secretary