

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021 at 3:00
Online Meeting on Zoom

Present: Barbara Prince, Elizabeth Cornell, Kathleen Chaimberg, Liz Marshall
Acceptance of the March Minutes was moved and accepted.

Librarian's Report

March Circulation: Circulation at the library is once again up compared to last year. Circulation of the Etna collection at the Howe and Etna Libraries is also up. Circulation of books through Overdrive has also been going strong.

Review of Programs: The knitting group had 3 meetings with an average of 7 people attending. Soon, the group plans to start meeting outside once a month. Two food-related programs – Making pearl balls and Italian cuisine with Teresa Lust were well attended. Many children continued to be regular participants at the storytime events. Dick Baughman's program on the history of his house was very popular with 27 people. He will return in late May for another session.

Old Business

Library Services: Outdoor browsing will resume in May. Outdoor storytimes, will hopefully resume in May as well. The town will keep up the mask mandate and at this time, it has no plans to open buildings until perhaps September. Love My Library month will probably be put off until September.

Plaques on Outside Chairs: Our volunteer woodworker is still waiting for access to a Dartmouth building with a shop he can use.

New Hampshire State Library Statistics: Barbara is working on these and they are almost done!

New Business

Succession Planning: We talked about Barbara's upcoming retirement. Ideas were discussed for a succession plan. Someone needs to love the library and the people to be a good fit for the job. We are closely aligned with Howe now and this is an important component.

Upcoming Programs: Donna Roscoe from NH Fish and Game is going to talk about bobcats on Tuesday, May 4. On May 18 there will be a program about people and what they have been doing during the pandemic. Three people have offered to speak so far. Dick Baughman's second talk about the history of his house is on May 25. Cynthia Crawford is a bird photographer and she has been asked about doing a presentation, possibly co-sponsored with the Hanover Conservancy. Barbara might contact the Lebanon Historical Society to see if they have any materials about the old mills in Etna. Dartmouth's Rauner Library might have some information too.

Summer Reading Programs: We will consider giving gift certificates at Still North to kids.

Eagle Scout Project: The scout got approval to build some free libraries. Costello Field is one location and we are waiting to hear about others. We discussed the awning possibilities again, too.

Next Trustee Meeting: Tuesday, May 25 3pm

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall