

Meeting of The Essex Free Library Board of Trustees

January 15, 2025

Present:

Emily Gibbs, Janet Watts, Marie Froeschl,, Iris Banks, Allan Ramsey, Victoria Tibbits REMOTE: Caitlin Corliss, Pam Blake

Regrets:

Bonnie Doble

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 pm
2. **Agenda changes** - none
3. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Emily moved to approve and Allan seconded. All approved.
4. **Announcements** - Caitlin returns 1/21. Marie's husband returns from heart transplant at Tufts next week. Victoria reminded all to "leave the meeting" when joining remotely.
5. **Library Director's Report** -
 - Reviewed Nov. & Dec. updates and statistics.
 - An extra shout out to Christmas Eve Team which allowed others to leave early.
 - Essex Free is the Vermont location for the Geo Cache Odyssey. Only one location per state and we are it! And we are ADA accessible year round.

- February 8 from noon to 1:00 Vermont Reads will be meeting to discuss “Gather”.
- Ebooks are heavily used and patrons are coming into the library to renew their cards so they can continue borrowing them.

6. Business -

- A. Trustee Annual Report - approved by board
- B. Trustee presence/table at Town Meeting (3/4/25) - Will review details at February meeting.
- C. Policy Review - Patron Confidentiality - many questions around involvement of Essex Police and insurance. Caitlin and Victoria will research. Tabled until next month.
- D. The Friends of The Library update - St. Pius Church has reached out to set a date for next year. Looks like it will be 11/8.

7. Adjourned: 7:43 pm