

NPL Friends Meeting
February 12, 2007

Attendees:

Carole Barker
Martha Barrett
Ken Bateman
Judy Blachek
Tina Donovan
Carol Eyman
Marjorie Morse

Next Meeting: Monday, March 12, 2007

January 2007 minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$9273.78

Membership: Current total is 86

Fundraising

Notecards & Totebags, Nashua Then and Now: DesignWares sold one box of cards; we have 37 packages of cards left and 84 bags left; we have 3 *Then and Nows* left.

Book sale: April 20, 21, 22

Hours: Friday night – 7:00-8:30

Saturday 9:00-4:00

Sunday 1:00-4:00

Nonprofits allowed in at 3:00 to take 100 books each

Accepting books timeframe: March 11 – April 11.

Sorting schedule:

March 27 7:00 – 9:00

April 11 7:00-9:00

April 12 5:30-9:00 (?? – I've checked with Carol)

April 15 3:00-5:00,

April 17 7:00-9:00,

April 18 & 19- all day

Carole Barker cleaned off the sorting tables twice. Thank you Carole! Some sections/categories are getting full.

Side note: Hannaford has a book drive ongoing; they sell the books and the proceeds go to nonprofits. Carol Eyman will call to see if we can get put on the list.

Art Auction: Ken stepped down as chair. We decided that due to the amount of work involved, the small size of the art auction committee, and the current lack of a chair or project manager, that we would continue the discussion on the future of the auction at the next art auction meeting (which was postponed). Next step TBD.

Membership mailing for 2007: Add specific areas of interest to "contact me" checkboxes (help with book sales, sell rare books online, help with Friends administration); send Press Release for membership drive; offer Friends members hardcopy mailing of quarterly library newsletter. Include calendar with letter.

Actor-Singer tickets: We agreed not to buy any tickets.

Director's Update

- Chandler library – must be sold to nonprofit; use for community need; keep name Chandler; East Wing needs to be named the Chandler Wing and represent Victorian architecture and include Mabel history; ad in paper this week with details; Feb. 21 at 10:00 am open house; trustees want to hold a focus group with people in community to find out what people need (would like a Friends board member to attend).
- Live Homework Help – time for renewal; price going up because we got a discount last year; Carol getting word into schools about this.
- Tax preparation started last week; twice a week (Mon & Wed); it is free – won't do complicated returns.
- Zorro program for Nashua Reads starts with RISE next week; banners on Main Street soon.
- Shortened version of fiscal data report available.
- Before capital improvement committee – new roof (\$150K); need new servers – new version for cataloging would require it.
- Aquarium pass – did get it, and it is very popular.
- *Nashua Experience* – history of Nashua written in 1978 by a couple of previous librarians; money from sales was put aside and now we are adding the last 30 years (not actually updating the book); kick off in May – maybe with mayors from last 30 years.
- Search for new Assistant Director reopened.

Financial Requests

Museum passes – Aquarium, Canterbury Shaker Village, Christa McAuliffe museum. We'll review need on a quarterly basis.

Tax Free Status

Judy is going to lawyer on 2/21; we approved to pay up to three hours (cost is \$150/hour).

Miscellaneous

Purchase of cash register – needs to accommodate 8-10 clerks so it could be in children's room; we approved Carol to spend up to \$200.

Surveillance in the Post 9-11 World program review – not well attended (17 people); it was cold and there was a date change; title didn't reflect content – no talk about new government programs. People felt they learned a lot though. Lots of discussion.

Received a letter from someone in Hudson who went to Barbados who wants us to donate books to a reading program; we'll invite to nonprofit part of book sale.

Action Items

Carol Eyman	Contact Hannaford re: book drive and can the Friends be a recipient
Judy Blachek	For May meeting, add agenda item for reviewing need for museum passes.
	Order more copies of <i>Nashua Then and Now</i>
	Meet with lawyer re: tax status
Marjorie Morse	Complete membership renewal letter and prepare for mailing; include quarterly calendar in mailing
	Write and submit press release for membership drive
	Write and submit notice in paper for timeframe for donating books to book sale
	Send mail to Friends dist list re: East Wing committee (after announcement).