

## **NPL Friends Meeting**

September 8, 2008

Attendees:

Carole Barker  
Ken Bateman  
Judy Blachek  
Kristy Donaghy  
Carol Eyman  
Mark King  
Beverly Landry  
Marjorie Morse  
David Maloon  
Prudence Maloon  
Erin Powers  
Jennifer Smith

**Note Next Meeting: SUNDAY** at 1:30pm in Music/Art/Media Wing

August minutes: Accepted.

August Treasurer's report: Accepted.

August daily receipts: 861.75

Current account balance: \$25,452.96

Petty cash: No update

Membership update:

No update; same as last month (96).

Need back-up for Erin for membership duties in October (Margie & Kristy).

Infrastructure update:

Put in email wording about how many books a Friends member can set aside for future purchase (up to 5 books for a week); provide an area (shelf above closet) for these held books, label books with name and date. Only Friends members can sort books and only when a board member is present.

Fundraising:

- Ongoing sales and sorting (see agenda) - Judy will manage volunteers
- Ella Anderson grant: deadline is Sept. 30 of each year; we agreed to work on for Spring 2009; project
- Garden tour – for future discussion – tie into Nashua Garden Club
- Spring book sale dates – March 27, 28, 29

Director's Update

- Art Walk – Sept. 20/21
- Sept 22/23 – Julia Preston – NY Times reporter will talk about Immigration Enforcement
- Doing 'Tween programs (between kids and teens) – WII session (video games)
- Notice went out from the American Library Association condemning censorship and banning of books in support of banned books week

- Statistics – library was open on Saturday for first time this summer; usually have 2500 patrons on a Saturday during the year; 1700 patrons per Saturday during the summer
- Trustees are hiring a landscape architect for plaza out front
- Trustees agreed to consider a green roof, which means the new roof would include some plant life of some sort
- New library assistant in Technical Services - Angela Smith
- The sun is bright in computer area upstairs – getting some window shades put up
- Staff training day – Judy did a presentation about the Friends and it went very well
- Trustees approved fine forgiveness card – up to \$5 a year – will need to go to new members

Financial requests:

- Kathy Bolton requested \$295 for Children’s Halloween safety magic show on October 26 in NPL Theater. We can advertise and distribute 100 free tickets, first come/first served starting on October 1. Have a Friend attend show.

Author Committee Update:

- Major author has been secured for Fall of 2009, venue is Court Street Theater.
- Sisters in Crime – New England branch of crime writers; will come talk about “It’s a Mystery to Me” – how a crime novel comes about (Leslie Meier, Sarah Smith, Sylvie Kurtz) November 23 at 2:00PM – the team will meet to determine how to take care of all the components of this event (advertising, staffing, etc.).

Miscellaneous:

- This Wed and Thurs Judy, Susan, Kathy B are going to Library Advocacy conference set up by Gates Foundation
- Our October meeting is Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 pm
- Literacy Program – an article ran in the Telegraph on Books to Babies
- Flyers for Book Sale – can Teens distribute in town??
- Staff appreciation – Friends want to do something for staff app. (52 staff members) we budgeted \$200 but approved \$500; we liked the idea of gift certificates at Bonhoeffer’s

**Action Items**

Team	Future: Determine how to stagger Board member roles.
	Remember to have a Friend attend the Children’s Halloween safety magic show October 26.
Carol Eyman	Get a display of Sisters in Crime author books upstairs.
	Ask Bruce to do a flyer for the SiC event.
Ken Bateman	Contact children’s organizations to see if they will post the Books 2 Babies brochures.
Judy Blachek	Make a display out of the pear box.
	Ask Kathy Bolton to contact hospitals to see if they need more Babies brochures, and if they are still doing bags (someone raised a question on this).
	Identify a “set books aside” area for Friends

	wanting to hold books to purchase.
Marjorie Morse	When Bruce finishes brochure changes, get them printed.
	Send mail to dist list for help with Sisters in Crime event.
	Go to bank with Judy and Kristy to put name on bank account.
Kristy and Judy	GO to bank to transfer money to CD.
Kristy Donaghy	Find out if Bonhoeffer's can do \$10 gift certificates for staff appreciation.
Prudence Maloon	Talk to Lois, President of Nashua Garden Club, about garden tour as a fundraiser.
Bruce Marks	Update Friends brochure with edits/changes.