

## **NPL Friends Meeting**

January 9, 2017

### **Attendees:**

Diane Aiello  
Carole Barker  
Judy Blachek  
Sue Carey  
Carol Eyman  
Diana Lytle  
Margie Morse

**Next meeting:** February 13, 2017 (if Library is open)

**Meet new staff members:** Marita Klements (Supervisor of Reference Services) and Ashlee Norwood (Teen Library) introduced themselves. On January 17 new reference librarian Kristen Gurciullo is starting, so reference will be up to 5 staff members.

**Review of October and Annual minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer's December Update & Petty Cash:** Approved

- Daily used book sales, book flip/memberships, grants, donations, BTB tickets: \$8235.13
- Checkbook balance: \$25,265.21
- Funds in MM: \$13,208.00
- PayPal: \$439.85
- Review petty cash balance: \$135.35

**Guest speaker**—Linda Walker joined us to discuss museum pass changes. Linda would like to make some changes on which passes we fund, but can't let us know specific details yet. Circulation is up, partly due to print on demand (POD) availability. Linda suggests stopping deCordova and asking Peabody Essex Museum to go POD, and if they don't, terminate that pass. She would like to replace those passes with Harvard Museums of Science and Culture, if they become available to NH libraries, as well as Concord Museum.

### **Membership:**

- 73 as of January 9, 2017

### **Infrastructure**

- Sorting day on 15-January – time to catch up on backed up inventory
- Book sale – trying to determine date for book sale based on status of construction (It will be the last weekend in April)
- Updating our banner

- Book sale – banner across Main Street – Judy will call Paul Shea to check price
- Treasurer candidates – We are still looking for a treasurer

**Library Update – Carol Eyman**

- New assistant librarian, emerging technologies - Rachel Gualco
- Based on recommendations from an outside consultant, the library has improved Wifi coverage throughout the building
- Library has to remove lights on plaza (big ball at top) because they can't get light bulbs
- Budget for next year – level funding; may have to reduce number of Sundays open
- Tax help is back, but up in Stearns room
- There are now E-signature pads at front desk
- 2 of the Trustees are leaving the board (Kathy Veracco and John Farrer)
- ComicFest – would like Friends to attend and sell books

**Financial requests/grants**

- Ella Anderson grant news – We were awarded \$6000 again this year
- Barnes & Noble wrapping – Sue Carey participated, we could just take donations and it wasn't very visible; we decided not to do it again next year

**2016 Nashua Reads Update**

Judy presented attendance numbers and statistics. The event, which was well received, earned a score of 4.7 out of 5 from attendees who filled out the evaluation forms.

**2017 Nashua Reads Update**

Our event this year is October 13 and we have a committed author.

**Miscellaneous**

**Action Items**

Carol, Judy, Margie	Come up with new design for banner
Margie	Friends web page – proposal will be reviewed at the next meeting