

NPL Friends Meeting

October 10, 2017

Attendees:

Diane Aiello
Jill Angel
Carole Barker
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
George King
Karen Lennon
Margie Morse

Next meeting: Annual meeting on November 13

Review of September minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for June & Petty Cash: Approved

- Daily used book sales, book flip/memberships, grants, donations: \$552.31
- Checkbook balance: \$26,731.11
- Funds in MM: \$8,215.32
- PayPal: \$50
- Review petty cash balance: \$135.35

Membership:

- 165 as of October 10, 2017

Infrastructure

- Staff Halloween contest – if the Library does hold this contest, the Friends volunteer to judge costumes and provide prizes for the top 3; we also give small gift cards for the remaining participants. First, second, and third prize: \$50, \$30, \$20 and \$5 gift cards. Judy, Jill, Sue, and Margie will judge at 3:00 on Tuesday, October 31.
- Call for nominations for Treasurer and 1st VP – we had two self-nominations: Jill Angel as Treasurer and Sue Carey as 1st VP. Thank you Jill and Sue!
- Staff appreciation – we selected a location for our annual gift card to staff; Judy handed out our assignment for writing thank-you cards, which we will return by the annual meeting.
- Membership incentive baskets – our goal is to complete these baskets before Thanksgiving for display at the stroll; Judy will send out notice for meeting to assemble baskets.
- PayPal – On November 1, Diane, Judy, and Jill will meet to add Jill's name to the banking account, and remove Diane's name. In addition, they will move the money market account money into the checking account, and set up a separate account from which our PayPal money will be withdrawn.

- Logo contest – no activity this month.
- There will be no Friends meeting in December.
- [Fundraising idea – gambling –placeholder for future meeting]
- Annual Meeting on November 13 – Program: Stephen Collins as Walt Whitman. Food provided by Judy (bake), Sue (fruit), Margie (savory), Jill (veggie tray), Diane (bake). Judy wrote press release and Carol will send out; we'll also make a joint event on Facebook.
- New membership chair starting in 2018– Lara Moody

Library Update – Carol Eyman

- Candidate forums – the library will host forums for candidates for alderman and board of education, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, The Telegraph, and the Library.
 - **Aldermen-at-Large**
Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. At the beginning of this forum, the candidates for Board of Public Works will each give a brief statement.
 - **Board of Education**
Thursday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Ward Aldermen**
Each of the ward aldermen forums will include the candidates from three Nashua wards. Following a large group discussion, candidates will meet in small groups with constituents from their own wards to answer their questions.
Wards 1–3: Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 pm
Wards 7–9: Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 pm
- Rachel, library graphic artist, is working on a signage project to make new signs in the building and to ensure they are consistent by department.
- Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) gave the library a \$7500 grant for library programs.
- On October 28 a new community center is opening by Dr. Crisp school; the library will offer story hours and teen activities on Wednesdays.
- Hunt library chairs – reminder to make this request of the Library trustees.
- The new blind we bought for the corner conference room needs repair because someone tried to pull it down without using the remote.

Financial requests/Grants

- An additional blind for a window in the corner conference room; we agreed to allocate up to \$900.
- Fans for the hot sorting room – we agreed to allocate up to \$100 for new ones.
- Special orchestral chairs (with a cart) for musicians to use in concerts – we agreed to allocate up to \$2000.

2017 Nashua Reads Update

- Ticket sales are still low
- BTB Security – Bryant will work 5:30-9:00 (do Friends pay for this?)

Miscellaneous

Action Items

Sue Carey	Contact teachers re: logo contest
Judy	Write up policy for admittance to library pre-Friday night Preview
Judy	Handle specially priced Catlin book
Jill and Judy	Set up new account with current card