

NPL Friends Meeting

April 8, 2019

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
Vickie Hill
George King
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Michelle Podsiedlik
Patti Rollman

Next meeting: May 13, 2019

Review of February meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for February and March 2019 & Petty Cash: Approved

- Daily used book sales, book flip/memberships, grants, donations: February - \$871.79; March - \$17,296.16
- DCU checkbook balance: February - \$4860.96; March - \$4290.74
- DCU savings balance: February - \$31,912.46; \$48,106.84
- PayPal: (DCU) February - \$2196.50 ; March - \$2166.04
- Review petty cash balance: February - \$18.55; March - \$118.55

Membership:

- 211 as of April 8, 2019

Infrastructure Update

- Book sale review
 - There was an issue this year with congestion at the beginning due to new members joining that night: Brainstorm for next year
 - Ads: 8 Telegraph, 0 Union Leader – definitely no Union Leader ad next year; possibly do the Telegraph again but raise the value of the coupon
 - Facebook advertising worked; maybe do more
 - Thursday night prep – worked very well; helped make Friday easier
 - Honor Society students continue to be an asset
 - Reserve the Chandler Wing for Monday on; Image gallery Thursday and Friday; theater Thursday on

- Lawn signs – dedicated volunteer and discuss number or put out request to dist list for helpers; 25 signs are left
- New price and category signs looked great
- To hang Banner – need tall pole and 6-7 1-gallon jugs to weigh banner down over wall
- Door count comparison of 2019 to 2018: Friday, 1047 vs. 927; Saturday, 1889 vs. 1658; Sunday, 931 vs. 743
- Need more sheets to cover books during days up to sale – put out a request
- Bank fees for credit cards were 3.7%
- Bad checks – got 2 of the 3 back (\$17 loss); we need to keep track so we do not accept checks from them again (We only got 15 checks); proposal -- accept checks on Friday night only (members)
- Price more items and use stickers; do not write directly on games, puzzles, etc.
- Remember to use Little Free Libraries for overflow
- Teacher offer on Sunday – worked well; got about 30 teachers; next year have a teacher sign-in sheet
- Book ends – need to order 200 more; approved
- Next year's dates: March 20-21
- Move movie musicals and movies that are concerts to music section
- Summer author: Bruce Robert Coffin, retired detective sergeant of the Portsmouth Police Dept, who now writes crime novels
 - Thursday, August 15: 7:00 public presentation; 7:45 audience questions; 8:00 book signing
 - Contract out: Fee \$300 plus travel
 - Toadstool
- Got offer of younger volunteers from charter school – 12-13 years old; not appropriate age for our activities

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Last week the library got certified as a Family Place Library – more responsive to needs of young families; play and learn workshop; special padding on floor; our Children's Librarians were trained in NY for this
- New fulltime janitor – Steve Wilson
- In the middle of Mother's Day drive for month of April: pads, tampons, toiletries, diapers
- Going to get Canopy, a streaming film service – includes films from the Criterion collection, documentaries, and more, they come with public performance rights
- This summer going to sponsor Tree Streets Block party June 15 and United Ways multicultural fest

Financial requests\Grants - NONE

2019 Nashua Reads update (September 29)

- We have book, author, contract signed; there will be an author reception with committee only; author will be interviewed by Lisa; announcing 2019 title at June 8 Book retreat for *Remains of the Day*

Miscellaneous –

Action Items

All	Set up brainstorming session on library parking
Margie	Put out request for sheets
Judy	Order book ends
Judy	By July 1 next year, block out Theater for Book Sale prep