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; March - $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**

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