NPL Friends Meeting

August 12, 2019

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: September 9, 2019

Review of June meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurer’s Update for June and July 2019 & Petty Cash: Approved

- DCU checkbook balance: June – $5555.28, July – $4826.80
- DCU savings balance: June – $38,584.30, July – $38,597.38
- PayPal: (DCU) June – $2113.44, July – $2018.54
- Review petty cash balance: $79.19

Membership:

- 214 as of August 12, 2019

Infrastructure Update

- Friends table cover and banner – due to an error on part of printer, we’ve wound up with two banners
- The Friends volunteered for 1958 hours in the last year, compared to the previous year’s 1606.5. Some stats:
  - The 18 regular volunteers account for 1368 of those hours and the board alone accounts for 834.5 of those hours.
  - 47 other people came to help occasionally, mostly around the book sale, author event, and to volunteer for projects for Carol.
  - We had three volunteers from South’s National Honor Society who selected us as their individual projects. They are Delaney Nelson, Alanya Telerski, and Ben Telerski -- they gave us 63.75 hours and were a great addition to the team!
The National Honor Society for South provided 148.5 of the hours.  
The National Honor Society for North provided 118.25 of the hours.  
The three wonderful volunteers who regularly manage the Booktique volunteered for 372.5 hours.

- Summer author: Bruce Robert Coffin, Thursday, August 15, Toadstool will be coming to sell books
- East Wing construction plans
  - Contractor is starting on August 19 at 7am
  - Aug 18 & 25 workdays for Friends from 1:30 to 3:30 (18th into the theater and 25th out of the theater)
  - On August 25th someone has theater at 2pm, so we want to ensure everything is out of there (possibility of some people coming in Saturday the 24th)
- October meeting: Monday, October 21
- Annual meeting set for Sunday, October 27 at 2 pm
- No meeting in November or December

**Director’s update (Carol Eyman)**

- The full-time Security guard is leaving August 22
- Two pages have left (Elexys and Lori)
- Angie is out on extended leave
- Kathy Bolton, the Children’s Librarian, is retiring September 13
- Repairs were done to the ventilation system in Chandler Wing to help with AC
- The library is looking at new library catalog systems; the team has evaluated proposals and Jen recommends that we stay with the current system, but with updates/improvements, full integration of Overdrive, text messaging for notices, and true availability showing on results page

**Financial requests/Grants**

- Hannaford bags – a dollar goes to Friends (costs $2.50)
- Additional musician chairs – request from Carol Eyman for $130 for two more upright, armless chairs for musicians: APPROVED
- Newsletter incentive prizes – request from Carol Eyman for $100 in incentive prizes to sign up for newsletter (gasoline, grocery store, etc.): APPROVED
- Staff gifts approved
- Time to apply for the Ella Anderson grant; we agreed on $6000
- We voted by email to approve $400 for Chunky summer reading ads

**2019 Nashua Reads update (September 29)**

- We will be getting a WWII trunk of artifacts from the museum in Wolfeboro for display Image Gallery during Beyond the Book
- We will screen a documentary about the Ravensbruck concentration camp through Kanopy, the new streaming service available free to library in one of the small meeting rooms

**Miscellaneous**
- Michelle had the idea of providing a coupon when people renew (we decided to put it right on the fine forgiveness card) for $1 to use at the big book sale

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