

## **NPL Friends Meeting**

September 9, 2019

### **Attendees:**

Jill Angel  
Judy Blachek  
Sue Carey  
Carol Eyman  
Vickie Hill  
Sheila Kabat  
Lara Moody  
Margie Morse  
Michelle Podsiedlik

**NOTE Next meeting:** October 21, 2019 (due to Columbus Day)

**Review of August meeting minutes:** Approved (and we agreed that from now on we will send minutes for review to all meeting attendees)

### **Treasurer's Update for August 2019 & Petty Cash: Approved**

- Daily used book sales, book flip/memberships, grants, donations: \$804.50
- DCU checkbook balance: \$5191.41
- DCU savings balance: \$36,610.06
- PayPal: (DCU) \$1943.78
- Review petty cash balance: \$125.19

### **Membership:**

- 216 as of September 9, 2019

### **Infrastructure Update**

- East Wing construction costs
  - Saturday, September 14 work day to set up renovated room (First Robotics students are coming in to help)
- Call for Nominations – First VP and Treasurer nominees will send their letter of intent to VP Patti Rollman for voting at the annual meeting
- Booktique signs – there has been confusion over the books in our Booktique section because some patrons think they are library books and have tried to check them out; do we need better/more signs?
- October meeting: Monday, October 21 due to Columbus Day
- Halloween prizes and judges: Vickie Hill, Margie Morse, and Sue Carey will judge the staff Halloween costume contest at 3pm; \$10 gift card for all participants; \$50, \$30, \$20 to the winners

- We discussed staff thank you notes and gifts
- Promotional video – Roger St. Germaine has videoed library concerts and he has offered to do a promotional video for the Friends; Carol will discuss our ideas with him and get back to us
- Annual meeting set for 10/27 at 2pm – we will have a performance about women in WWII
  - Food at the social at 1:30 (Vickie – cheese and crackers, Sue – fruit, Michelle – devilled eggs, Jill – veggies and dip, Judy - cookies, Margie – tapenade and crackers)

### **Director's update (Carol Eyman)**

- Free lunch program this summer – on most days the library gave away all 20 lunches; on weekends End 68 Hours of Hunger packets went also
- Museum passes – on the library website there is now a feature to show how much people are saving by using a pass; information will not be available all of the time
- The NH Philharmonic – library card holders get 20% off performances
- Aquarium passes – now available year round; 50% off full admission
- DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum pass is now more expensive due to some management changes, so the library is no longer offering it after the current pass expires
- Summer reading program – there was a 20% increase in readers and in the number of minutes that they read, over last year
- Library Trustees approved Kristin Kane as new member
- On Friday, September 20, the library is opening at 12:30pm due to staff training
- The library is close to hiring a new security guard
- Kathy Bolton is retiring September 13

### **Financial requests\Grants**

- Ella Anderson grant application is in process (it will be worded so that a single author could do more than one event)
- Additional Zoo New England pass approved via email
- "Meet up" additional funds approved via email
- Adult reading program funds approved via email

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

- Lilac Photo show – every year the state of NH holds an amateur lilac photography contest, since the lilac is the state flower; if possible, we will run a slide show of the photographs as a tie-in to the program (Carol will get permission and Judy will create the slide show)
- WWII trunk from museum in Wolfboro – we will get it by the 26<sup>th</sup> for display at the Beyond the Book event
- Volunteer request – include chair stacking at end
- Décor needed – lilac colored mums (Carol buying)
- Food for author (and her husband) – finger sandwiches (Margie order from Hannaford's), cookies (Judy will make)

### **Miscellaneous**

- Kathy Bolton card
- Animoto subscription lapse – this is a service (for use by library staff) that lets you create videos on line; you can access graphics and music; the library not want to renew the subscription, which the Friends funded
- Chelmsford Friends sale is Sept 20-22; they have a goal of 2020 members next year
- We will consider Elin Hilderbrand for next summer’s author

**Action Items**

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| Carol  | Get permission to use lilac contest photos                |
| Carol  | Buy lilac-colored mums for BTB                            |
| Judy   | Contact Rosemarie to ensure timely delivery of WWII trunk |
| Judy   | Create slide show of lilac photo contest                  |
| Carol  | Look into signs for Booktique                             |
| Carol  | Discuss our video ideas with Roger St. Germaine           |
| Margie | Order and get sandwiches from Hannaford                   |