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
  o 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 26th 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 online; 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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