

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom meeting with Board and key members)

April 13, 2020

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Michelle Podsiedlik
Jenifer Smith

Next meeting: May 11, 2020 (Zoom)

Review of March meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for March 2020 & Petty Cash: Approved

- Daily used book sales, memberships, grants, donations: \$526.97
- DCU checkbook balance: \$4450.96
- DCU savings balance: \$26,446.06
- PayPal: (DCU) \$1881.78
- Review petty cash balance: \$126.19
- DBA (doing business as...) for banking with DCU: Complete

Membership:

- 134 as of April 13, 2020
- We expect to lose about 70 members due to the cancelled Book Sale

Infrastructure Update [PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOOK SALE WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19-REQUIRED CLOSURE]

- Summer author – Ted Reinstein on Tuesday, August 18; Judy will check to ensure he received the contract
- Jen McCormack met with the correctional officer at Hillsborough County Corrections Department regarding their request for soft cover books for men to be used during the shutdown; Judy has been collecting appropriate titles

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

The library building has been closed since March 18. All major events through the end of May, as well as the June 6 Spring Book Retreat, are canceled.

Many library staff are working remotely. Here are some of the ways we are still providing services to the public:

- We have partnered with the police and fire departments for a spring reading challenge. As in summer reading programs, the kids can log their minutes and win digital badges, and raffle tickets. The grand prize is a ride in a fire truck or police SWAT vehicle. Every week several new online storytimes, with police officers and firefighters reading, are posted on YouTube.
- Some of the library's budget for print books has been diverted to purchase digital materials and reduce waiting lists for those items.
- We've added temporary access to several additional downloadable book services, listed at nashualibrary.org/emedial/
- Each week we provide new recommendations from staff and local celebrities of books they can check out in digital formats.
- As usual, patrons can sign up for temporary library cards online and start using all our digital resources immediately. The expiration for temporary cards has been extended from 30 to 90 days.
- Librarians are available through chat on our home page on weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Customers can also get in touch using our Contact Us page, or by leaving voicemail at 589-4600.
- We've added a [Remote Instruction Support Page](#) to the website to help parents facilitate online education.
- We are working with the NH State Library to provide local Covid-19 information to patrons through social media and our email newsletters.

Covid-free news:

- The project to renovate the Library Plaza is continuing. Construction is expected to start in June.
- We are in the midst of implementing the Nashua Creates collection. This will provide a place in the library to circulate and display books by local authors. It will also provide an online space where local authors can post their e-books and they can be borrowed by library cardholders. Eventually artists and musicians will also be able to post their digital work in that space. A few local authors have already posted their work at library.biblioboard.com.
- Library cardholders now get free access to creativebug instructional art and craft videos.

Financial Requests/Grants - NONE

2020 Nashua Reads update

- Will be held on Sunday, October 11
- Announcement of author is June 6
- Replacement needed for Meerkat – Carol will look into Eventbrite

Miscellaneous details:

Action Items

Judy	Ask Ted Reinstein if he received the contract that we send to his work address
Carol	Look into Eventbrite as Meerkat replacement
Sue	Find out if library staff (Jenn Hosking) would support us bringing in a kids author – STATUS: waiting for response