

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

August 10, 2020

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: September 14, 2020 (Zoom)

Review of July meeting minutes: Approved

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

- No significant updates

Membership:

- 135 as of August 10, 2020

Infrastructure Update

- Big buyer update
 - We've had one buyer come in it was a successful experience; we have more buyers (including Toadstool) scheduled
 - We agreed to open up this limited-access buyer scenario to the our interest list; we will provide clear rules for this process
- Outside summer sale possibility
 - Our first (weather-dependent) summer sale pop-up will be held on the Plaza and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 22; rain date is August 29
 - We will sell fiction and kids
 - Open from 10am-2pm
 - Cash only; Jill will figure out acquiring quarters and dollar bills
 - We plan to have a tent
 - We will publicize the event soon on FB and in email

- Summer author – The Ted Reinstein virtual event is August 18
- Volunteer schedule – George King has agreed to come in to sort if needed

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Handwashing station: The City of Nashua recently purchased some outdoor hand-washing stations and placed one of them at the library. They are intended for library users and anyone using the plaza. The stations were created by Beyond Walls, a Massachusetts arts group.
- Hoopla: Hoopla use has soared during the pandemic and some patrons have been unable to borrow items from Hoopla recently, even though they had not exceeded their monthly limits. This happened because the library had exceeded its lending budget for that day.

We had to find a way to fairly allocate Hoopla materials and prevent patrons from being blocked from borrowing, while keeping an eye on spending. We decided to increase the monthly Hoopla budget, and to limit customers to three borrows per month instead of four. We will continue to closely monitor use and make more adjustments this fall.

- Closing August 8-10: A staff member began to feel ill Saturday when they got to work. Out of an abundance of caution, the library was closed at 9:30 am until Tuesday, August 11, to allow time for deep cleaning.
- Suffrage Event: We worked with the mayor's office to produce a video program celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. It features local actors reading famous speeches by suffrage activists, reflections from current local elected officials, music of the period performed by Nashua Community Music School students, information on voting in Nashua, and more. You can view at 2 pm on Sunday, August 16, on Mayor Donchess's Facebook page, or on local access TV's Channel 16 on Comcast. It will be repeated several times on Channel 16.
- Nashua Goes Back to School Night: Will be held on Thursday, August 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at three different schools to reduce the size of the crowd.

Financial Requests/Grants

- Museum passes in the time of Covid – we agreed to continue to pay museums for passes during this time of restricted access
- Ring light for Carol – we approved up to \$100 to buy a ring light for Carol since she is doing many programs for the library from her home; it will be shipped to Carol's house; Wesley will assist in purchase and set-up
- Put on agenda for next month purchasing a ring light for Lisa
- Ella Anderson grant time – we are submitting for next year's Nashua Reads program; due date in September 30

2020 Nashua Reads virtual presentation update

- We've received lots of good feedback on our title selection
- 37 people have signed up so far
- We will ask Toadstool to partner with us on advertising for the event

2021 Nashua Reads

The team divided up several reading assignments based on an excellent list from chair Sue Carey.

Miscellaneous details:

- Tina sent a thank-you note for our retirement gift.

Action Items

Judy	Add approving a ring light for Lisa to the agenda Prepare Ella Anderson grant
Carol	Contact Toadstool re: Jamie Ford event
ALL	Sign up for Beyond the Book!