

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

July 13, 2020

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: August 10, 2020 (Zoom)

Review of June meeting minutes: Approved

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

- No updates

Membership:

- 134 as of July 13, 2020

Infrastructure Update

- Friends room is open – we can have more than 1 volunteer; must wear a mask; Judy will set up a schedule for working in the room.
- Donations acceptance process – we can take donations once we're active in the room; at that point small donations will be accepted at the front desk and large ones at the back of the library in a staged process where the books sit for 72 hours to de-virus.
- Outside summer sale possibility – Jen M agreed to an outside sale if we wanted, so we discussed the possibility of an outside summer sale; would probably be more impromptu and we still need to brainstorm details.
- Summer author – Ted Renstein is still scheduled for August 18.
- Selling art posters – We would like someone to sell our poster collection online; Margie is going to see if Bob H. is willing to help out.
- Shelves – Judy is going to find a student to help put together shelves.

- Big buyer sales – we have 3 book sellers who have asked about accessing our inventory since we haven't been able to have a book sale; we agreed along with Library management that we would allow 1 buyer at a time in the room with 2 Friends Board or key members to assist. They would be allotted 2 hours, need to spend at least \$100, and pay by cash or check only.

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Reopening

The library reopened on a limited basis on July 6. From July 6 to 11, customers used curbside pickup 40% of the time and came inside to borrow 60% of the time.

The restrictions on using the stacks, and the requirement to use self-checkout, mean that curbside pickup will remain popular.

The library is improving the self-checkout experience by tweaking settings of those workstations to give customers more time to finish their transactions.

The library has masks with the library logo on them to give to patrons who don't bring their own.

The city installed a handwashing station outside the building.

- Museum passes

Several museums have reopened recently or are about to, so museum passes are available for them (with various restrictions imposed by the museums):

- Seacoast Science Center
- McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center
- EcoTarium
- Institute of Contemporary Art (opening July 16)
- New England Aquarium (opening July 16)

- Library Plaza events

The City of Nashua Division of Public Health has resumed holding clinics on the Library Plaza, with various immunizations and hepatitis and STD testing available (no Covid-19 testing).

The Census Bureau will be on the plaza twice this week to help people fill out their census forms.

- Beyond the Book

Registrations for Beyond the Book:

- 22 on Eventbrite
- 4 on EventKeeper
- 26 total
- Spread the word
The lunches and nonperishable food packets are underutilized, as is expanded Books by Mail. Let people know they're available!

Financial Requests/Grants

- Children's performer payment of \$369 – we approved this request by email in late June; performance was on June 30

2020 Nashua Reads virtual presentation update

- We need to develop ways to advertise the event.
- Sue will be back in touch with the author's agent in August.

Miscellaneous details:

- If the staff would support bringing in a children's author, we could bring them in and have it recorded as our contribution if schools are going to be remote in the Fall.
- Consider Joseph Carrabis as an author for a future event, per Carol's suggestion.

Action Items

Judy	Find a student volunteer to put together bookshelves
Margie	Ask Bob H. about selling art posters
ALL	Sign up for Beyond the Book!