

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

August 9, 2021

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: September 13, 2021

Review of June and July minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for July: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$43,375.91
- PayPal: \$576.68
- Petty cash: \$151.94

Membership:

- 175 as of August 9, 2021

Infrastructure Update

- Pop-Up sales
 - Scheduled for August 14
 - Friday: Vickie, Calann, Maddie, Linda
 - Saturday: All day – Margie, Vickie, Judy; 9-1 – Sue; 9-10 – Dorothy; 12-3 Mimi, Linda – one more for morning (Judy will ask more kids)
 - Next and last Pop-Up sale for this year is on September 18

- Our new iPad is on order; our old one is cleaned out and could be used for games, etc.; will put it out at Pop-Up for \$20
- All our books are moved out of theater
- We received new bookcases from Liz Ullrich – thank you Liz!
- A cart broke and Vickie turned it into 2 short carts; we decided not to order any new ones yet
- Debrief on July 14 and July 22 programs – people felt that the Martha Hall Kelly event went very well (46 attended and 56 viewed video); the July 14 program on post-pandemic life went well too (29 attended and 16 watched video); we talked about adding an evaluation form after future events
- Go-Daddy domain renewed until 2023
- Books are ready for Hillsborough County Corrections team
- Annual meeting is Monday, November 8, and our program is on Mind Games
- Nomination process starts next month for the First VP and Treasurer, run by Sue Carey

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Strategic planning

We have started the process of writing a new strategic plan for the library. A consultant has been meeting with a committee of library staff and trustees and they have created a survey to help in developing long-range goals for the library. Please take the survey if you haven't already. If you go to nashualibrary.org, a box will pop up linking you to it. The survey will be available through the end of August. The consultant will also be holding focus groups with members of the community, including the Friends.

- Staff

Rachel Gualco has been rehired as the library's graphic designer, now part-time. Holly Klump, a long-time member of the Friends, has been hired as the assistant librarian for programming and marketing. She comes to us from the Rivier University library, where she's worked for many years. She is a previous trustee of the Nashua Public Library and has been involved in many community groups, including the Nashua community gardens.

- Candidate forums

We're planning to hold three virtual forums this fall for candidates for the Board of Education and Board of Aldermen. The dates are September 29, October 5, and October 21. Details about registering will be on the library's web calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/nplevents> soon.

- Back to School Night

Thursday, August 26, from 5 to 6:30 pm. It will be held entirely outside, except for eye screening. Principals and teachers will be distributing free school supplies, and community agencies will have tables on the plaza as well.

Financial requests/Grants

- Ella Anderson grant due by September 30

2021 Nashua Reads

- Yaa Gyasi agreed to a virtual program; we received an amended contract to reflect no travel expenses
- We will do an evaluation form for this event even though it's virtual

Miscellaneous

- We will not have the vaccine van at the Pop-Up Sale; we will try for the September 18 sale
- In November and December there will be a display in Image Gallery for the Library's 50th anniversary in Court Street location

Action Items

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact new Amherst record store about our album inventory• Check back with Jen on when our Booktique will be back and where it will be located• Judy & Carol will work with MS Forms to develop way to use them in virtual events.
Margie	Send email to dist list about Strategic Planning Survey