

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

December 13, 2021

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Elsa Conrad
Carol Eyman
Linda Gillet
Susan Glenn
Calann Hertel
Vickie Hill
George King
Holly Klump
Levit Markham
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Jenifer Smith
Tom Woodward

Next meeting: January 10, 2022

Welcome and intros

Review of October Minutes: Approved (November was annual meeting)

Treasurer's Update for October and November: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: October: \$44,546.65 November: \$44,432.81
- PayPal: \$737.04 October: \$536.18 November: \$474.20
- Petty cash: \$151.94
- Jill is working with staff to gather 2022 library financial requests

Membership:

- 189 as of December 13, 2021
- 16 members in 2022

Infrastructure Update

- Booktique signs
 - 40 in x 10 in for the Booktique sign and 24 in x 24 in for the Friends logo
 - Printer quote: \$669.10
 - Need a vector graphic of the logo – Sue will look into this
- United Way Nashua Nor'easter Run/Walk Fundraiser – for a week in February people run or walk 5k, 10k, or a half marathon and stop at specific locations to do calisthenics; do Friends want to have a team? Carol will get more information. Margie will send out a message to dist list; need to solicit donors. **Als**
 - <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/nashnoreaster22>
- Annual meeting review – the program was well received and overall the meeting went very well
- Virtual vs. in-person meetings – we would like to continue regular monthly meetings as virtual for now
- Mailed calendar no longer a Friends' benefit since the printed version is being discontinued
- Bedford Mass book drive for people in the Philippines – Judy answered the request by providing mostly kids books
- All our boxes of albums were sold to one local buyer
- Large volume buyers came in recently since we had informed them that we would stop offering private visits before our March book sale
- Membership renewal letter went out
- Member incentive baskets will be prepared on December 27 and we will draw names digitally the week of February 14; we will add current books, do a cozy mystery basket, kitchen basket, classics, etc.
- Feb 14 meeting date moved to Feb 15
- Thank you to the Halloween costume judges – Sue, Vickie, and Lara
- We donated extra Dunkin gift cards to the United Way to give to first responders
- The Friends joined a Zoom class action lawsuit
- Staff appreciation cards and thank-yous were distributed in early November

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- **Children's Librarian of the Year**

Our own Kat Gatcomb was named New Hampshire's Librarian of the Year by Children's Librarians of New Hampshire. Previously a youth services librarian at the Portsmouth Public

Library, Kat joined the Nashua staff in July. She had been nominated for the award by her coworkers in Portsmouth.

- **In-person programs**

As of last week some of our storytimes are being held in person, and we're seeing about three to six families attending each one. We are still offering some of our storytimes virtually. We're holding a few programs in person this winter. Some are outdoors; others are small groups like adult craft classes and book discussions. We're also reviving Cinema Cabaret, with one film a month shown at 1 pm on a Tuesday. Tomorrow we're showing the first film, which is *Going in Style*.

- **Calendar**

We have decided to discontinue publishing a printed events calendar/newsletter. In surveys, patrons who attend our events rarely mention the calendar as their source of information about the program. (Email newsletters are the most mentioned source.) Yet each issue costs at least \$1000 to print. We will continue to list events on our web calendar and to publicize them through email newsletters and on social media, our home page, local access TV, and TVs in the library.

- **Nashua Experience book**

We're running a holiday special on the Nashua Experience book. Through December 30, it costs \$15, which is 40% off the normal price of \$25. You can buy it at the front desk, cash or check only.

- **50th Anniversary**

The exhibit in the art gallery celebrating the library's 50th anniversary in the Court Street building will be up until the first week in January. It features library memorabilia from the past 50 years, including furniture, posters, architectural drawings, signs, and more. You can also watch a slideshow of old library photos on our 50th anniversary web page, nashualibrary.org/attend/anniversary.

- **Art exhibits**

Six local artists have been booked for 2022 exhibits in the Art Gallery starting in January. The first exhibit is by Hollis artist Ellen Fisher, who makes art quilts. A new page on our website is in the works, which will have information about each exhibit.

Financial requests/Grants

- We received a \$5000 Ella Anderson grant, which is the amount we requested
- We received \$39 from Hannaford's Blooming for Good program

2022 Nashua Reads

- The committee has selected a first-choice and will work on next steps to secure the author.

Action Items

Carol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get more information on the United Way fundraiser• Get a vector graphic of our logo
Margie	Send out email regarding the United Way fundraiser
Team – Judy, Vickie, etc.	Create Membership incentive baskets