

## **NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)**

February 8, 2021

### **Attendees:**

Jill Angel  
Judy Blachek  
Sue Carey  
Elsa Conrad  
Carol Eyman  
Maureen Franklin  
Linda Gillet  
Vickie Hill  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Lara Moody  
Margie Morse  
Michelle Podsiedlik  
Jenifer Smith

**Next meeting:** March 8, 2021

### **Welcome and intros**

**Review of January meeting minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer's Update for January:** Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$37,2213.80
- PayPal: \$1233.70
- Petty cash: \$151.94
- We reviewed and approved the 2021 Budget

### **Membership:**

- 126 as of February 8, 2021
- We pulled the 5 Toadstool gift certificate winners (the pandemic made our usual membership basket raffle impossible):
  - Richard Burke
  - Gail McMorrow-Donahue

- Barb Kelliher
- Martha Barrett
- Mimi Crowley

### **Infrastructure Update**

- We did not get much response to our invitation to PTOs to shop for books; a representative from Pennichuck (original request) already came in and made purchases.
- Update on big volume buyer sales
  - Jeff from Toadstool came on Jan 25 and filled his truck
- Large album donation— the plan is to sort these later, nearer to the big Book Sale timeframe; we have an inventory list.
- Program on Boston history with David Kruh is set for Thursday, March 18; our cost is \$50.
- Other program ideas – Mary Johnson is interested and we will consider a visit in the summer quarter.
- A donation button will be added to our Join page so people can donate to us even if they don't want to become a member.
- Judy ordered 2 sets of shelves and they have arrived in very large boxes; we received extra sets due to shipping issues; to rectify, Judy will call and see if we can pay for one set and just keep the other, rather than go through the issues created with trying to send them all back.
- Pop-up sales to start in April, weather permitting .
- Books for Hillsborough County Dept of Corrections (paperback) are under main sorting table, in case sorters find appropriate selections.
- We are considering the possibility of holding our large Book Sale in August if the library is open, but decided it is too early to make decisions; notes:
  - Avoid Thursday back to school night and concert weeks
  - Could the sale include a Sunday even if library is closed? Could we feed off of Farmer's Market?
- We agreed to donate our standard amount (\$50) from our Sunshine Fund to the Illinois Retired Teachers in memory of Lara's father.

### **Director's update (Carol Eyman)**

- FY2022 budget
 

The city's state aid is set to be reduced by \$11.8 million for the next fiscal year, much of that due to reduced school funding and the city being responsible for employee pension costs that used to be paid by the state. We expect the library budget to be reduced, which may mean fewer Sunday openings and no new hiring.
- Reopening
 

The trustees decided to follow the same metrics as the Nashua School District in determining when it is safe to resume some in-person services, with a likely reopening in early March.

The school district watches three Nashua-specific metrics: cases per 100,000 people, hospitalizations per 100,000 people, and percent positivity rate. When two of these three metrics have been in the yellow or green zone for 14 consecutive days, the district will return to their hybrid model. (February 8 was day 10.)

If those numbers continue to stay as they are or improve we will reopen early in March at the same level of service we were providing last fall: computer and browsing appointments; curbside pickup; use of the printer, copy, and fax machine; and pickup of museum passes. There are no current plans to reopen the Children’s Room or the Chandler Wing.

- Curbside pickup  
We average about 10 curbside deliveries per hour, but on Saturdays it’s 18 to 20. Each delivery usually includes an average of three items.
- Robert Reich  
Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 pm, we’re offering a virtual talk by former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, in partnership with the Newton (MA) Free Library and a number of other nearby libraries. It will be moderated by WBUR’s Christopher Lydon and is free. Registration is at [tinyurl.com/npllectures](http://tinyurl.com/npllectures).
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
The library celebrates 50 years in the Court Street building in September. We are planning an exhibit, an online portal for patrons to submit library memories, a banner on the building, and a concert if COVID circumstances allow.
- Tax assistance  
Volunteers are needed for 4.5 hour shifts at the library to answer questions about how to sign up for virtual tax assistance. The volunteers will answer questions over the phone. Contact the United Way at [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603)438-2173 if interested.

**Financial Requests/Grants - None**

**2021 Nashua Reads**

Sue met with Children’s and Teen Librarians and school system reps to begin selection of youth companion titles for the Beyond the Book event.

**Action Items**

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send out Toadstool gift cards (Judy agreed to send the next day)</li> <li>• Print out list of of album inventory to have on hand; also send to George</li> <li>• Contact the shelf company to negotiate a deal to keep shelves</li> </ul>
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