

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

January 10, 2022

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: NOTE – TUESDAY, February 15, 2022

**Reminder to register for the 2022 meetings at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcu6rqDliH9zeRF0HiM1BQNMnC6xvKkUJ>

Welcome and intros

Review of December Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for December: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$47,353.10
- PayPal: \$326.68
- Petty cash: \$151.94
- Review 2022 approved budget (\$37,132)
 - Museum passes: \$6315.00
 - Movie licenses: \$1772.00
 - Expanded books by mail: \$2000.00
 - Youth services: \$1200
 - Outreach/marketing: \$3450.00 (Zoom licenses, social media advertising)
 - Concerts: \$5300.00

- Adult programs: \$4850.00
- Friends operating budget: \$6475 (signs, carts, postage, printing, insurance, staff appreciation, programs)
- Beyond the Book: \$5870.00

Membership:

- 106 as of January 10, 2022

Infrastructure Update

- Booktique signs – installed on January 7
- February 3 Presidential Landmarks program at 7:00pm
- United Way Nashua Nor'easter Run/Walk Fundraise February 5-13; so far 4 people on Friends team (we will have future sub-meeting on this)
 - <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/nashnoreaster22>
- Member incentive baskets will be awarded during the week of February 14, probably on 15th (AI JUDY: 3-4 people go into library to pull names_
- Feb 14 meeting date moved to Feb 15
- BIG Books – A book publisher is offering oversized children's books. Sue Carey sent a message to teachers in the Nashua School district to see if there was interest there. The deadline for filing out the form is early February. Judy will coordinate with the United Way, which is where the offer came from.
- March book sale feasibility (March 18,19,20)
 - Friday preview hours – can we extend them since library is closed; 4-8PM?
 - Masks
 - Social distancing measures
 - Plexiglass for check-out
- Pop-Up summer sales feasibility – looks like we will be able to hold these sales if it is the appropriate decision for us at that time

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Mayor's Winter Reading Challenge

The mayor has initiated a winter reading challenge to see if Nashuans can read a total of 550,000 minutes in January and February. You can participate by logging your reading at <http://nashualibrary.beanstack.org> As of Friday we had reached 28,664, so please join in!

- River Watershed Association Program

We're partnering with the NRWA again this year to offer a program for kids and families to explore the flora, fauna, and history of five Nashua Parks, once a month through May. Registration information is at <http://tinyurl.com/nplchild>

- Tax Assistance

We're still working with AARP to iron out the details of tax assistance this year, including whether the service will allow pick-up and drop-off of documents only, or some in-person help. Regardless, it will start February 2.

- Facilities assessment

The trustees approved a contract to have a firm conduct a facilities assessment of the library building. This information will guide us in requesting capital improvement funding from the city in the future.

- ARPA Grant

The library has again received a grant, for \$10,805, through ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act. We'll use it to buy equipment to expand our pop-up libraries out into lower-income neighborhoods and bring Play and Learn workshops for ages 0-3 to the site of a partner agency. The funds will also pay for training the library's supervisor of youth services, Kat Gatcomb, in the Family Place Libraries service model.

These activities will take place in the spring and summer of 2022.

A public hearing will be held relative to this grant award at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, immediately preceding the regular Library Board of Trustees meeting. All are welcome to attend.

- Miscellaneous

We'll be opening early, at 8:45 am, tomorrow due to the extreme cold.

We're distributing bags of food provided by End 68 Hours of Hunger to children for several days. Normally these bags are available at schools, but since they've been closed for snow Friday and for Covid reasons Monday and Tuesday, they're available at the library instead.

Financial requests/Grants - None

2022 Nashua Reads

The committee has made the selection and the author has accepted; working on a date – choosing between Oct 2, 16, 23, 30.

Action Items

Carol, Margie, Holly	Hold a meeting to discuss Nor'easter fundraising event team
Margie	Send out email regarding the United Way fundraiser
Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that some members go in to library to pull membership basket winner names on February 15• Ask city for plexiglass for use at Book Sale check out
Sue	Send picture of signs to person who created Vector Graphic for signs.