

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

May 10, 2021

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: June 14, 2021

Welcome and intros

Review of March and April minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for April: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$43,512.38
- PayPal: \$1054.98
- Petty cash: \$151.94

Membership:

- 159 as of May 10, 2021

Infrastructure Update

- Summer meeting schedule - we usually don't meet in July, but agreed to meet in all summer months
- Pop-Up sales

- May 22 with rain date of June 5; 9:30-1:30
- Venmo – we can use our Friends iPad to track/confirm Venmo payments (Judy set up an account under Nashua Public Library Friends tied to Judy’s account); she also tied to Board email; minimum of \$10 for Venmo
- Process for buyers shopping downstairs – buyers will get a sticker to denote timeslot; make sure we develop a system to know that people have paid – for example, a special bag that says paid or write paid on stickers; Calann agreed to be the greeter at the exit door in far end room; we have online sign-up for buyers and sign-up for volunteers; when wheeling out carts, use left side door to save the wheels; we need another 10x10 tent
- We will work around the Peacock Players Concert – they will be on the grass
- Margie, Lara, Vickie, Ambrose will bring carts up on Friday before May sale
- Working on setting dates for rest of summer
- PayPal page problem and resolution – an issue that was created when donation button was added was fixed
- Update on volume buyers – made almost \$4000 this month (someone wants to come in monthly; we will stop 6 months before big sale to protect inventory)
- Program for President’s Day 2022 with David Kruh – virtual
- July 14: Mary Johnson and Dr. Patty Hlava of Awaken Peace Healing:
<https://www.awakenpeacehealing.com/Tips for Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Post-Pandemic Life>
- July 22: Martha Hall Kelly with Sunflower Sisters; presentation with Q&A/interviewer – need to come up with a person (Carol will contact one possibility); we will offer \$150-\$250
- We approved the purchase of book ends and magnets to make shelf signs approved via email

Director’s update (Carol Eyman)

- Nashua Reads announcement

We will announce the Nashua Reads titles to the public at the Downtown Book Group meeting on Friday, May 14, at 3 pm. Other publicity will go out that afternoon, and the books will be available for borrowing on Saturday (since we’re closed on Fridays).

- Children’s Room reopening

The Children’s Room will reopen on Monday, May 17. Families can browse the stacks and choose materials to check out. The play areas and computers in the Children’s Room will still be closed, and story hours will still be held virtually.

The room will be open during the same hours that the adult and teen stacks are open to the public:

- Monday-Thursday:

- 10 am-1 pm
- 3 pm-6 pm
- Saturday:
 - 10 am-2 pm

The Teen Room is open for browsing whenever the library is open, but computers and seating are not yet available.

- Summer reading

Summer reading flyers will be available by June 1. The program starts June 19. Readers of all ages can log their reading online and earn raffle tickets for various prizes (mostly gift cards, since they're easy to mail out). Numerous programs are planned to go with the animal theme, Tails and Tales.

- Strategic plan

The library will soon begin work on a new strategic plan, scheduled to be completed in November. We're in the process of hiring a consultant to lead the process. We'll be recruiting a planning committee to include representatives from the mayor's office, board of aldermen, library staff, and the Friends.

- ARPA grants

The New Hampshire State Library is making grants available to individual libraries for federal funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Our library will receive \$10,000 in June and can apply for competitive grants of larger amounts after that to receive additional funds in the fall.

The grants are intended to assist libraries with COVID-related expenses. We are still deciding how to use the funds.

- Staffing

Stephanie Rinehart was hired as a reference librarian in April. Rachel Gualco has resigned; graphics work is being handled by a contractor for now.

- Bedrock Gardens pass

A reminder that the library is offering a new pass to Bedrock Gardens. Bedrock Gardens is a 37-acre site in Lee, NH, that is transitioning from a historic farm and private garden to a public oasis of art, horticulture, and inspiration. The pass allows a family free admission to the garden. The gardens open May 12.

Financial requests/Grants

- Jenn Hosking requested \$500 to fund the Nashua Reads Youth author virtual visit on Saturday, October 23rd at 2pm; we approved

2021 Nashua Reads

We will make a decision at the July meeting on format for BTB in October. We also need to think about tickets, changes in fees, etc.

Start thinking of authors for 2022.

Action Items (Get from April minutes)

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact new Amherst record store about our album inventory
Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send notice to members about Pop-Up sale
Carol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a press release for David Kruh program and add a survey for participants at the end of the program
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send author marketing materials to Judy