

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom meeting with Board and Committee members)

October 12, 2020

Attendees:

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

Next meeting: ANNUAL MEETING - November 9, 2020

Review of September meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for September 2020 & Petty Cash: Approved

- Daily used book sales: \$1847.19
- Checkbook balance: \$3865.60
- Savings balance: \$27,699.75
- PayPal: \$145.47
- Petty cash: \$151.95

Membership:

- 141 as of October 12, 2020

Infrastructure Update

- October Pop-Up – went well, the team had prepped 16 carts
- Our Annual meeting speaker for November 9 will talk about New Hampshire state markers
 - Press release sent (Margie will resend with nomination notice)
 - Author fee of \$200
 - We will do the event as a meeting (as opposed to Webinar)
 - We will call for nominations for the offices of President, Secretary, VP; Sue Carey will manage the election process
- We have more carts to be set up
- Staff thank yous – Judy will provide the cards and names to board members

- When we are sorting, look for library books on donation carts

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Voter registration continues on the Library Plaza until October 24. On October 3, the day of one of our book sales, they registered 103 voters in 4 hours! Voter registration and absentee ballot requests and drop off are also being accepted in the Court Street Theater lobby.
- Reading Radar—The library is looking for suggestions for local celebrities to feature on the Reading Radar web page—people who lots of Nashuans will recognize who are also readers. Contact Carol Eyman if you have ideas (carol.eyman@nashualibrary.org).
- Two new library assistants have been hired for the circulation department. One is Tracy Kittredge, who was a page for several years. The other is Dan Joseph, who worked most recently at the Merrimack Public Library.
- The library hopes to implement a system for accepting credit card payment for fines and lost item charges over the next few months. The customer will be charged a convenience fee for each transaction.
- Ashlee Norwood and Kris Murphy, our teen and children's librarians, have been doing virtual school visits, which are going well. They are trying to figure out a way to do virtual library-card drives.
- Two dog waste stations have been installed on the plaza, with a trash can and plastic bags.
- The city has to make emergency repairs to the sewer lines under the library parking lot. They expect to be working until October 16. The only impact on customers this week is that access to the lot is only by Cottage Street, not Court and Church Streets.
- Plans are being developed for reopening the stacks for browsing. Browsing will be by appointment; appointments will probably be 30 minutes long. The plan is to start later this month or in November, barring any adverse covid developments.

Financial Requests/Grants

- Hannaford bag program for November – The NPL Friends are part of this program again this year

2020 Nashua Reads Debrief

- Through email on September 30, the Board approved adding Zoom capacity
- We had just over 100 attendees!

- First glance at average rating was 4.9 out of 5
- Future – we sent the survey in email this year since it was a virtual event; we agreed to send it in email in future events since it was easier and faster
- Sue has ordered some of the titles Jaime Ford mentioned as future suggestions
- We received several suggestions from our Beyond the Book audience for future titles
- If you were unable to attend, the event was recorded:
<https://www.nashualibrary.org/connect/friends-of-the-library/beyond-the-book/>

2021 Nashua Reads

The team continues to read and explore titles; we added two titles to the list. Sue will contact our top selection.

Action Items

Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Annual Meeting notice with call for nominations for President, VP, and Secretary • Send notice to dist list on Hannaford bag program
Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we feel we need to purge inventory further, ask contact at prison if they would like more books. • Get note cards out to board members to write the thank you notes for an early November distribution. • Buy the Membership Toadstool gift cards for membership incentives. • Create the PowerPoint highlights of our year for the annual meeting.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage call for nominations and election of officers • Contact our top choice for 2021 BTB
Board members	Write thank-you notes.