

NPL Friends Meeting

May 9, 2022

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Elsa Conrad
Carol Eyman
Vickie Hill
Calann Hertel
George King
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Jenifer Smith

Next meeting: June 13, 2022

Welcome and intros

Review of February and April Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for April: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$63,321.31
- PayPal: \$1886.46
- Petty cash: \$151.94

Membership:

- 207 as of May 9, 2022

Infrastructure Update

- First Pop-Up Sale of the season on June 4 (Bike clinic planned)
 - Work day on May 21 to get ready
 - Will need help on Friday afternoon, June 3, to push carts up (3pm)
 - Saturday will need 8-10 people; set up sale at 8:15am, sale from 9-2
 - Will use volunteer web site for sign-ups
- Setting potential Pop-Up dates for remainder of summer and early fall: August 6, September 17

- Summer meetings – in person or virtual? We decided to continue with Zoom due to convenience, except for when we host special programs.
- Summer author update: Ted Reinstein with *Before Brooklyn* will not work out; looking for another program; Keith O'Brien? Ann Hood? Nancy Thayer? Lisa Gardner? Kate Clifford Larson? Alice Hoffman? Sue Carey agreed to manage the summer author event; we agreed to pay up to \$1000; need to pick a date – Sue will work with Holly Klump
- Our annual meeting will be Sunday, November 20

Director’s Update – Carol Eyman

- We are gradually moving from virtual to in-person computer training. Starting in June people can schedule appointments with Information Services staff for computer help. In the fall, they plan to hold computer classes either in-person or hybrid.
- In the Children’s Room, the play area has finally reopened and the toys are back out.
- About 25 people came to help clean up the plaza on Saturday morning, and if you were one of them, thank you for your help!
- On Wednesday, May 25, we will open at 11 instead of 9 so the staff can attend a meeting about implementation of the new strategic plan.
- Holly has hired the Raza String Quartet to perform on a Sunday afternoon in December for \$1600 using Friends funds.

Financial requests/Grants

- We approved a \$450 request for a sensory table for the Children’s room, via email.

2022 Nashua Reads

- The Nashua Reads title and author will be announced on June 4, at our Pop-Up Sale, in the newsletter, and in a video
- At this point we plan to hold the event in person; we will not charge a ticket fee this year; ask for a donation or to join Friends. Will still need to register everyone in case it has to go virtual.

Action Items (Sue, I had no outstanding items on the list)

Margie	Write blurb for Booktique and June 4 for Booksalefinder.com and Center for the Book
Sue	Looking into summer author; will work with Holly on a date
Carol	Program for annual meeting