

Friends of the Nashua Public Library
2/13/06 Meeting

Attendees:

Ken Bateman
Judy Blachek
Joe Dionne
Marjorie Morse
Kathy Vitale

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 13, 7:00 PM, Media Wing in Library

At our February meeting we discussed ideas for recruiting new members, brainstormed possible ways for the Friends to be involved with the library, and voted in the Friends Board.

The library does a book sale twice a year, in April and October. Joe felt that the April sale would be a good opportunity for the Friends to get involved and he suggested that we watch how the library prepares for the event, with the goal of taking it over in October. Joe suggested that an additional option is to hold some sort "Wine and Cheese" Preview event the night before the sale. Paying Friends members get the opportunity to preview and purchase books ahead of the sale. (The Preview is aimed, in part, at book dealers who like to get in ahead of the main crowd; this would offer us another fundraising opportunity.) The Friends could also have a yard sale or bake sale at the book sale. Ideas for various ways to sell the books came up, such as by the pound or by the bag.

Potential dates for the Spring sale: April 22 or 29.

Other ideas for Friends involvement included: setting up a table at Library gatherings (in particular the upcoming Nathaniel Philbrick event) where we could either sell books, or simply hand out information on the Friends; looking over donated books to estimate value; updating the movie projector.

Kathy has recruited a few new Friends members from the school community, and we will add them to our distribution list.

As a final item of business, we voted in all Board members:

President: Judy Blachek
Vice President: Ken Bateman
Secretary: Marjorie Morse
Treasurer: Scott Myers

All positions were nominated and seconded from the floor, and voted in unanimously.

Action Items

- Submit notices to papers early [Margie]
- Talk to Maria about 501C3 paperwork [Joe]
- Call Carol re: upcoming Nathaniel Philbrick author event [Judy]
- Check with people at the Library who have managed previous book sales to see what April timing has worked in the past [Joe]
- Update brochure [TBD]
- Get Post Office box [Margie]
- Provide food at meetings [Judy/Margie]

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Carol will discuss results from her meetings with department heads re: focusing our priorities for short, medium, and long-term fundraising projects.
- Identify upcoming events we need to staff
- Call for ideas for recruiting members and for fundraising events
- Discuss how Friends can assist with the April book sale