

NPL Friends Meeting

August 10, 2009

Attendees:

- Diane Aiello
- Carole Barker
- Martha Barrett
- Ken Bateman
- Judy Blachek
- Carol Eyman
- Mark King
- Erin Powers

Next Meeting: September 14, 2009

July Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update: Approved

- Daily book sales: \$1,242.25
- Current balance: \$17,306.36
- Petty cash balance: \$133.34

Membership Update

- 103 members as of August 10th

Infrastructure Update

- Nplfriends.com is our new domain. This domain will be used for continuous availability of email addresses regardless of board and committee personnel changes
- Approved: Funds for CDs and Books from visiting artists and authors will be purchased from Petty Cash
- Completed: New Friends brochures (500) purchased
- October 5: October Friends' meeting date

Fundraising Update

- Bookflips will be sold at the "Beyond The Book" Major Author Event on October 25th
- Barnes and Noble: At the September Library Trustees' meeting, Judy will present our proposal to hold a fundraising book fair at the Nashua bookstore.
 - 15% of sales from purchases of anyone who mentions NPL will be donated to the Friends
 - Friends volunteers would staff a booth and activities that day at B&N

- Given approval from the Trustees, a committee will plan and organize the event

Director's Update

- Manga Comic Camp funded by Friends was a big success including a beautiful *Manga* thank you!
 - 1 request for scholarship
 - Remaining \$315 will be put back into available unallocated funds
- Byki *Online For Libraries* Language Learning beta test
 - <http://www.tinyurl/trybyki>
 - Available through September to all NPL card-holders
- Music Arts Media (MAM) self-checkout is now available
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- Wii games circulation huge increase: 1st Q 2008: 178; 1st Q 2009: 459!
- Meeting Room reservations now available online
 - <http://nashualibrary.org/meeting.htm>
 - View the Schedule
 - Request a Reservation
- Fiber-optic network upgrade for public and staff computers was completed at the end of June.
- Library Circulation: 810,573 for fiscal year ended June 30th - 8% increase from 2008!
- Back To School event: August 27th
- Applied for Stimulus Grant to buy *Windows 7* OS computers
- Summer Reading program had a huge increase - more than 300 kids participated
- Library Director - interview process is continuing

Financial requests/grants

- New England Aquarium Membership was updated in July
- Butterfly Place recently collapsed - NPL Friends will not request a Museum Pass refund
- Approved: Wright Museum (a WWII Military History Museum in Wolfboro, NH) - 2 yearly passes, total \$75
- Approved: Up to \$300 for Back To School event *School Supplies* give-away

Author Committee Update

- Major Author Event named *Beyond The Book*
- Tickets on sale beginning August 23rd at downtown Nashua stores *Beckonings* and *One World*
- September 9 at 7pm: Next meeting

Action Items

Team (Ken – will come up with	Research FOLUSA book availability through Inter-
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ideas to start)	library loan program.
Judy and Erin	Work out how to handle the "opt out" option for members not wanting to receive a newsletter in the mail. In progress...
Judy Blachek	LPresent B&N book fair proposal to NPL Trustees. Give labels to Carol for September mailing
Ken Batemen	In process: Augment information pack for new library members to include Friends information.
	Create info, membership, and board email forwarding lists for nplfriends.com
Carol Eyman	Send mail to book discussion groups about the author event.
Diane Aiello	Let the small 3000+ 3-month CD to just roll over for another 3 months since CD rates are not very lucrative at this time. Revisit October 23rd.
	Replenish stamps.
Margie Morse	Get brochure printed and posted to website.
	Contact insurance for additional members.
	Distribution lists were updated and synchronized with Ken's.

Other

- Friends Volunteer Hours: 1500 (fiscal year ended June 30th)