

## **NPL Friends Meeting**

June 8, 2008

Attendees:

Lisa Allen  
Carole Barker  
Ken Bateman  
Judy Blachek  
Kristy Donaghy  
Carol Eyman  
Mark King  
Charlie Matthews  
Marjorie Morse  
Erin Powers  
Jennifer Smith

**Note: No July meeting.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 11, 2008**

May minutes: Accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Account balance: \$25,381.71

Daily receipts: \$959.97 for May

Membership update:

Current membership for 2008: 92

Add as membership benefit "fine forgiveness" (as a Friend, your late fee fines are waived – or some portion of them). Trustees would have to approve this. We could have a coupon worth X amount. Need to determine how to implement – could be part of membership campaign next year.

Fundraising:

- Ongoing sales and sorting – table cleared at the moment
- Rotary Club of Nashua Grant – denied
- Ella Anderson Grant – the library used to apply for this grant and get it regularly every year. It is for Nashua charitable projects (501C) and you apply September 30 or March 30. Might be used as project for the East Wing? Carol offered to write the grant – we need to come up with something specific – wait to see how the plans look compared to the budget.
- Online Book Sales - Ron Purmont has up to a certain number of books he can put up at a time; he doesn't have to take any down. No more have sold. Should we start discounting the books? We'll ask Ron to decide how to discount.
- Lisa did contact the person who said they were interested in selling books online, but she hasn't heard back yet.

Director's update: (Carol Eyman)

- June 19 – the children's summer reading program starts.
- June 24 – Teen summer reading program starts with an outdoor concert.
- Self checkout – the use for month of May was 588 times in Children's room, 444 at Circulation desk (10-12 times a day, not really enough); need to push it more to get more use.

- Gloria Maduzia in Tech Services is retiring so there will be another opening.
- Mayor proposed the bond to repair the roof; Judy came and spoke in favor of it, Ken attended too. No one opposed it; need to wait for Alderman to make decision.
- Got back the roof analysis (an infared scan was used) – roof has two membranes with insulation in between which is 20% wet; this would have to be replaced.
- Nashua Goes Back to School Night – August 21, held at Library, all sorts of businesses donate school supplies, hold raffles, etc. Could the Friends support something that the Library gives out as a supply (maybe a ruler?), or “fine forgiveness” coupon?
- Look for announcement of Nashua Reads.

Financial requests: None

Author Committee Update:

- The committee is leaning toward an adult fiction author, New England-based to keep cost down (we need to pay travel expenses and honorarium).
- Would like to tie into Nashua Reads program in the future.
- Author ideas: Jodi Picoult (\$15,000), Alice Hoffman (?), Chris Bohjalian (\$6500), Tess Gerritsen (?), Anita Diamant (\$1500), Andre Dubois, Gregory Maguire.
- Budget suggestion was \$5000 and the meeting attendees agreed (or 5K for honorarium and then up to \$2K for rest of expenses).
- We could start with a lesser-known author for our first event. (Sisters in Crime)
- Potential venues if offsite – Court Street Theater, school auditorium; if in library – Media Wing.
- Possible idea - make this a bigger event, do not charge for a ticket, but have a limited gala reception w/author that would be ticketed, have a gifted/appropriate interviewer interview the author.
- To ticket or not to ticket – if you charge a nominal fee (\$5) then you may have more of an idea of how many people might attend.
- Carole will get more definitive fee costs.

Miscellaneous:

- Books 2 Babies marketing ideas and letter – Judy wrote a letter to the editor and the team reviewed it. Ken suggested we put brochures at these locations: Women, Infants, and Children, LeLeche League, and Welfare. Should we network with OBGYNs? Display at each hospital? We need to print more brochures. [We did not make a plan for printing more brochures.]
- No July meeting.
- Need someone to take minutes for August meeting.

**Action Items**

Team	Future: Determine how to stagger Board member roles.
Carol, Judy	Come up with proposal for how to implement “fine forgiveness” concept. Design a card, bring to Trustees.
Carole Barker	Contact author agents for fees.

Carol Eyman	Contact Nashua Reads program to propose that the Friends tie in with their author event.
Ken Bateman	Contact children's organizations to see if they will post the Books 2 Babies brochures.
Judy Blachek	Ask Ron Purmont about discounting the books.
	Contact Ella Anderson grant to find out about deadlines.
Marjorie Morse	When Bruce finishes brochure changes, get them printed.
	Go to bank with Judy and Kristy to put name on bank account.
Kristy Donaghy	Talk to the bank about options for putting some of our money in an interest-bearing account. (In process.)
Bruce Marks	Update Friends brochure with edits/changes.