

NPL Friends Meeting

May 11, 2009

Attendees:

Diane Aiello
Lisa Allen
Carole Barker
Martha Barrett
Ken Bateman
Judy Blachek
Carol Eyman
Mark King

Next Meeting: June 8, 2009

April Minutes: approval postponed

Treasurer's Update: Accepted

Daily book sales: \$1077.72

Current Balance: \$16,483.05

CD balance: \$13,057.18

Petty cash balance: \$57.14

Membership update:

As of May 11, 2009: 100 members.

Infrastructure update

Membership brochure: A few minor changes needed, then it can be printed.

IRS workshops for small 501(c)3 organizations on June 9, 10, or 11. Carole B made a motion and Carol E seconded to pay for up to 4 members to attend at \$45 per person.

Web testimonials about booksale: Marjorie requested testimonials from members. Received one positive response and one negative one, concerned about the number of people using scanners on preview night and the lack of library discards in the sale. Friends are not able to sell discards as the money for them needs to go back to the city. Discussed adding information about the lack of discards to the booksale FAQ.

Lisa Allen took some nice photos of the booksale that we can use for publicity for next year's sale.

Fundraing Update

One bookflip was sold, one was stolen from circ desk. A web ad went up on the library home page advertising the bookflips.

Requests for permission to browse Friends room and purchase items between booksales: Decided not to allow it. One library patron (not a Friend) asked for particular James Patterson titles to be set aside for her. We will tell her that if we receive donations of those titles, we will not hold them until the March sale but will try to put them on the sale shelves in the lobby, where she and everyone else have an equal chance of buying them.

Director's update:

Friends are invited to a retirement reception for Joe Dionne on June 30 from 5 to 7 at the library. Friends are also invited to a dinner on June 20 for Joe, probably to be held at Lilac Blossom near Roby Park.

Nashua's birthday is June 27; library will show film of city's 1953 centennial parade at 2 pm on that day. In June autographed copies of the new Nashua Experience book will be sold and buyers will receive a free commemorative Nashua centennial coin.

The Spanish services brochure that the Friends paid to have translated is now ready.

Roof work will start any day now.

The library budget passed the aldermanic budget review committee. No citizens spoke at the hearing for the full city budget, and it looks hopeful for passage by the full board of aldermen.

A group of middle schoolers led by City Year volunteers will clean up the trails behind the library on May 16.

A new self checkout machine is expected to be installed in the Music/Art/Media Wing by June 2.

Sometime in June a fiberoptic cable will be installed to speed up Internet access on library computers.

Interviews are being scheduled by the trustees in the next few weeks for candidates for library director.

Mo Arel was recently re-appointed as a trustee for another 7-year term.

Funding request:

Storytelling chair in children's room needs repair of hole in brand new upholstery. Officers previously agreed to pay \$150 to have it repaired with new fabric.

Author Committee Update

Contract signed and 50% deposit paid for major author to visit on October 25. Reception at 1 pm, speak at 2 pm for 45 minutes, Q&A period, followed by autographs and book sales. Permission granted to tape for cable TV channel 99, also okay to refer book groups to author's website where they can ask for an email, conference call, or Skype meeting with him!

Decided to create a book-group bag of 10 copies of the Nashua Reads book. Will take from the 50 copies already owned by the library but if we need more, Friends will vote on purchasing them. Carol E will talk to staff about best way to handle circulation of the bag.

Miscellaneous

Best Wooden Toys: Judy sent them the toy that they incorrectly shipped; they still owe us a refund. She has emailed them a couple of times and they haven't responded. Roger Allen paid the postage when he took the item to the PO and said it was his donation to the Friends.

IRS filing: 990 form was filed today indicating we had <\$25,000 in gross receipts last year. Diane A. said it was not difficult to complete.

We received a certificate of appreciation from Make a Difference Day for participating by requesting volunteers for last October's booksale.

Carol E. found an address of a place that takes used textbooks. We'll add the info to the booksale FAQ.

Action item review:

Ken: looking into creating an origami item to give to new library card holders about Friends. He also found that the art books were not that valuable so he put them with our regular booksale books with \$4 stickers on them.

Carol: perennials: pansies were planted in the planters. Jane Hemmingsen is not sure what type of perennials she'll buy; it depends on what's available at the nursery. Web ad was created and posted about bookflips.

Carol would like to know if any Friends would like to introduce the band that the Friends are sponsoring for the outdoor concert on Thu, July 16, at 7 pm.

Action Items

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| Team | Set up membership drive committee in summer. |
| Bruce Marks and Judy | Design poster for rug raffle. |
| Judy Blachek | Permit for rug raffle needs date of drawing (October 25 between 3-4pm at author event) and price of tix. Raffle will start July 1. Charge \$3 per ticket or 2/\$5. |
| Ken Batemen | In process: Augment information pack for new library members to include Friends information. |
| Carol Eyman (with Bruce) | Include in newsletter and put up a sign indicating that we accept book donations at any time. |
| Diane Aiello | Need to review three-month CD rate in July, sixth-month rate in October to decide whether to reinvest. |
| | Follow up with Best Wooden Toys. |
| Margie Morse | Send brochure file to meeting attendees for review; get brochure updated and printed (include opt-out box for newsletter). |
| | Clean up dist list; compare with Ken's version. |