

Thanks to Carol Eyman for taking the minutes!

NPL Friends Meeting

November 9, 2009

Attendees:

Diane Aiello
Carole Barker
Martha Barrett
Ken Bateman
Judy Blachek
Carol Eyman
Diana Lytle
Jennifer Smith
Lisa Allen

Next Meeting: Dec. 7, 2009 (Annual Meeting)

October Minutes: Accepted

Treasurer's Update: Accepted

Daily book sales: \$ 972

Current balance: \$ 17,527.12

Petty cash balance: \$133.34

CD balance of \$13,142.64 combined and moved to a 3-month CD at 0.25%. Will mature 01/27/09.

Membership Update

As of November 9 , 2009: 105 members

Infrastructure Update

Carts: we had to clear the doorway in the East Wing for fire safety. To make room, 2 new carts were approved via email by the board and purchased. Tonight, 4 more carts were approved @ \$80 each for a total of \$320.

Director's Update

- As part of the Riverwalk project, a stairway will be constructed next to the East Wing going down to the river.
- The library bought 2 used book drops from the Hills Library in Hudson to add to the ones on Court Street and in the parking lot.
- The search for a new library director has been re-opened.
- The library will have a contingent in the Veterans Day parade and collect paperbacks for soldiers overseas.
- The library will be a venue for children's shows during the Holiday Stroll.
- Carol reminded everyone that the library's new book, *The Nashua Experience: A Three-Decade Upgrade, 1978-2008*, makes a great holiday gift.
- PSNH is donating 6 kill-a-watt meters to the library in December for lending. The meters let you determine how you can save energy in your home.

Financial requests/grants

- [Fernanda Lima](#) and [Kinjal Shah](#), members of the Teen Advisory Group, and young adult librarian Jenn Hosking came to the meeting to request up to \$400 for a readathon. Teens from 6th to 12th grade would be invited to come read from 12 noon to 4 pm on December 19,

earning 10 cents a minute, to be used to purchase books for the PAL after-school program's library. Friends asked that they buy the books from Barnes and Noble during our book fair January 13 so some of the proceeds would revert to the Friends. Also asked them to have a staff member available to issue library cards during the event, and to ask a PAL police officer to read stories during the book fair. Approved.

- CPR for Pets Teen Program: to be held during February school vacation, taught by the Red Cross, which uses the funds for disaster relief in the Nashua area. \$300, limit 12 attendees. Jenn will be asked to include it in her programming budget for 2010.

Staff appreciation

To be handed out during the week of Thanksgiving. Judy will distribute packets of cards for board members to write.

Board Nominations

Jennifer Smith nominated Ken Bateman for 1st Vice President and Diane Aiello for Treasurer. Vote will be taken at the annual meeting Dec. 7 where nominations will also be accepted from the floor for these two-year terms.

Annual Meeting

December 7 in East Wing. Refreshments to be served; library will provide computer projector. Membership letter will announce the meeting and the elections. Judy will give the letter to Carol to have a volunteer prepare and then mail around November 20. Diane to buy stamps; Judy to print labels.

Fundraising Update

Barnes and Noble book fair: Judy has a contract from Barnes and Noble which she will sign and return. She also has flyers and vouchers for photocopying. Date is January 13, snow date is January 14.

Request will go to Jenn Hosking to ask TAG members to hand out vouchers for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair Event to the read-a-thon participants.

Author Committee Update

- Ticket sales plus book sales (by Toadstool) were more than enough to cover travel, refreshments, room fees, wine.
- About 240 people attended
- The committee met earlier tonight and reviewed items for improvement for next year but overall everything went extremely smoothly and there were no complaints.
- Discussed criteria for next year's author. Agreed on a price range of \$5000 to \$7500 for next year's author visit.
- Pat Babineau won the rug raffle. She was present at the event.

Membership drive

Ken handed out ideas for membership drive. Will be attached to the minutes. We discussed having a friend attend a story hour or films to promote membership, doing a mailing, an insert in the Telegraph, link to Friends page from museum pass page and from film listings.

Action Items

Judy Blachek	Give Carol 2 sets of mailing labels and membership letters.
	Return Barnes and Noble contract; print vouchers and flyers; put voucher on our website.
	Ask Jenn Hosking to ask TAG members to hand out vouchers for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair Event to the read-a-thon participants.
Carol Eyman	Bring computer projector to Dec 7 meeting.
Margie Morse	Get cost information on printing for 1000 or 2000 brochures.
Diane Aiello	Buy stamps for calendar and membership letter meeting.