

NPL Friends Meeting

January 13, 2014

Attendees:

Diane Aiello
Lisa Allen
Carole Barker
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Petra Ellis
Carol Eyman
Diana Lytle
Marjorie Morse
Jenifer Smith

Next meeting: February 10, 2014

Review of October minutes: Approved

Treasurer's November and December Update & Petty Cash: Approved

- Review monthly report & open requests
 - Daily used book sales, book flip/memberships, grants: \$5931.76, \$1840.33
 - Checkbook balance: \$12,817.88, \$14,624.43
 - Funds in MM: June: \$13,143.59, 13,150.23
- Review petty cash balance: \$130.35 (no change)
- Call for 2014 Budget requests – Board will be meeting at a later date to discuss

Membership: 63 as of January 13, 2014

Infrastructure update:

- Annual meeting debrief – overwhelming positive response to the theatre group; provide more presence and information on the Friends at the meeting; should we plan a NH Humanities event that night instead? (less expensive) AI: Carol E and Judy B find a presentation; 8 people signed up for memberships that night (new and renewals); run a slide show on Friends next year
- Stroll window – Friends had a window in the Telegraph window over holiday; Stroll committee may expand concept of windows so we'll look into next year
- Credit card reader – Diane is investigating; Carol will also ask someone in library who does craft fairs and may use a reader

Fundraising

- We received the Ella Anderson grant, which will be used toward Beyond the Book event

- Shredding service at book sale – Carol talked to another library that offers this service, different ways to pay for it – would it be good to have Friends offer this service at the book sale? Could be some logistical issues at book sale. Does it make sense at another time as a fundraiser? We decided this did not fit our charter.
- March book sale – coming up March 14-16; need to get schedule for East Wing to know when we can get books out and set up; several people have already contacted Judy to help out; Judy will contact school groups for help (move out Sunday March 9) Carol will check to make sure nothing is happening in East Wing the 9th

Director’s Update (Carol Eyman)

- Library is going through a new branding effort and redesigned website (ties in with city’s new branding) – some time in spring
- Rebecca Nugent – electronic resources librarian (subscription databases, website, etc.)
- Megan Bozzi – new reference librarian
- Nicki Rheume – Teen Department assistant
- Christa Bourdaleau – Media
- Restructured some of the offices in Media Wing
- Getting a new screen in the Theater, January 24

Financial Requests/Grants - NONE

2013 Nashua Reads Wrap-Up

The new venue and day a success (in library on a Friday night), but we will be making modifications: not serving alcohol since it is expensive and not enough buy reception tickets; just sell \$10 tickets; Friends members can come to the reception; will still have crackers and cheese and sandwiches, etc.

2014 Reads Update

All set with author selection; date is Friday, October 24. Have a signed contract in hand. Announce May 31.

Miscellaneous

- We received several thank you notes from staff and others.
- Judy asked Jenifer to work with staff to prioritize museum passes
- Jenifer passed around an article about the Amherst Library Friends group sponsoring a bus trip to the Peabody Essex Museum, just as an fyi

Action Items:

Diane	Look into card reader
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Carol E and Judy B	Look into appropriate program for next year's annual meeting.
Jenifer S	Work with Cara on prioritizing museum passes
Carol E	Check with others in library who may use a credit card reader
All - August	Revisit decision in August 2014 to switch museum pass from ICA to JFK (ICA comes up for renewal in Octoberber)