

NPL Friends Meeting

January 14, 2019

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Sheila Kabat
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Patti Rollman

Next meeting: February 11, 2019

Review of October meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for October, November, December 2018 & Petty Cash: Approved

- Daily used book sales, book flip/memberships, grants, donations: October: \$7790.93, November: \$514.11, December: 1864.77
- DCU checkbook balance: October: 35,007.73, November: \$35,007.73, December: \$35,519.38
- PayPal: (DCU) October: \$405.50, November: \$390.50 December: \$231.50
- Review petty cash balance: \$118.55 (October figure; will be updated next month)
- Tax documents – In progress

Membership:

- 80 as of January 13, 2019 – Reminder: Anyone who joins by Jan 31 will get a chance to win one of the themed raffle baskets currently on display in the lobby.

Infrastructure Update

- New shelving from Library – we gained some new shelves from upstairs
- Book sale prep - we need a sorting day schedule; move out on Monday, March 11 and by Thursday have everything moved out
 - Ads & new signs – BooksaleFinder, etc., Thursday in Encore and Thursday in Union Leader
 - Requested 25 tables from city
 - TBD: Judy will contact Honor Societies
 - Judy would like to purchase four narrower 4-foot tables (we approved up to \$400)
 - We have about 30 lawn signs left; Judy has some students to help put them out
 - Holman sign – Judy has arranged for the sale to be posted
 - Pricing – We updated and simplified our pricing
 - Nashua area teacher offer on Sunday (free box of books with ID/credentials), but no specially priced items); Sue will send notice to school district, and we will mention on Facebook, etc.

- Children’s Shopping Day idea – we discussed this suggestion and decided it did not fit in our charter/plans right now, but we can revisit
- Summer author idea: Bruce Robert Coffin, retired detective sergeant of the Portsmouth Police Dept, who now writes crime novels; we agreed that this is a good idea and will pursue

Director's update (GET FROM JUDY)

- Entry way carpeting was installed (carpet on the landing will be swapped out soon to match)
- The new circulation desk is officially done!
- Self-service holds has been implemented –holds are put on a customer accessible shelf for pick up
- New display furniture is out and thematic displays are going to be updated monthly (both book and media)
- Thursday 1/17 is the Vaping Unveiled program which has also been promoted by the school district and Channel 99
- The Drag Queen Story Time program on 1/12 has gotten a lot of buzz in the community. Administration and the Board have listened to feedback both in favor and against the program. Director Jen McCormack released the following statement regarding the program:

The Drag Queen Teen Time that we have planned for January is not a drag show, it’s an opportunity for Teens to meet a drag performer in person and ask questions about their art, costuming, makeup, etc. A program like this is an excellent way for anyone to get accurate, first-hand information about a current topic that gets a lot of coverage in the media. Like any of our programs it is strictly voluntary and we expect that families will make decisions for their own children about whether they may attend. I know that this program will not be welcomed by everyone but I stand by it as an appropriate and timely program for our Teens.

- Staff is working on annual Friends requests
- In January the library will begin the signage project, helping identify library spaces and services in a welcoming way.
- The Board of Trustees voted on 1/8/19 to increase library assistant George Demosthenes from a part time to full time position beginning February 1st. George will continue his work in Circulation and his extra hours will be used to help with coverage at other service desks.
- The Board of Trustees approved a 10% wage increase for library pages.

Financial requests\Grants -NONE

2019 Nashua Reads update – Committee is working on a selection

Action Items

Judy	Go to DCU to work on point of sale options
Judy	Contact honor society for Book Sale help
Margie	Send thank you note to person who made donation
Margie	Send membership letter to dist list