

NPL Friends Meeting

February 10, 2020

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
George King
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Michelle Podsiedlik
Jenifer Smith

Next meeting: March 9, 2020

Review of January meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for January 2020 & Petty Cash: Approved

- Daily used book sales, memberships, grants, donations: \$1871.97
- DCU checkbook balance: \$5112.43
- DCU savings balance: October - \$28,560.24
- PayPal: (DCU) October - \$2010.28
- Review petty cash balance: \$126.19
- 2020 budget: Jill reviewed what the Board has approved for Library staff requests (expectations: spend \$34,000; income \$27,000)

Membership:

- 112 as of February 10, 2020

Infrastructure Update

- Thank you Jenifer Smith for agreeing to accept the open position of VP2
- Book sale prep on February 15
- Methods for managing the chaos of entry at 6PM on Preview Night for new members: have someone upstairs doing triage for how people are paying (credit card or check); have prepaid people go down elevator, rather than the stairs
 - Schedule for the week:
 - March 16: Adults
 - March 17: Day off
 - March 18: Kids

- March 19: Kids
 - March 20: 12:30 start
 - Margie send out notice about timing for entry to Preview Night
 - We need 60 bookends and approved up to \$125
 - Lawn sign locations –Judy will handle in email and also has kids to put them out
- Summer author – Ted Reinstein , WCVB reporter and author of *New England's General Stores* and *Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds* (he is hoping for Tuesday, August 18)
- Author Series idea – possibly do a quarterly author series; we will continue to discuss and develop potential candidates at our April meeting

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Installing a large screen TV for event notices in the Children's Room
- Installing new office furniture in the Youth Services offices
- Weston is building new PCs for the adult computing area upstairs. New furniture is also being acquired for that area.
- Nashua River Watershed Association is holding another February vacation camp for kids ages 8-15 in which they explore the river.
- 485 active readers in the Mayor's Winter Reading Challenge, about 93 in Long Winter Read
- Library will open at 12:30 pm on March 20 due to staff training
- Food now allowed at meetings in the theater
- Trustees approved a new collection development policy that includes a "Nashua Creates" collection of items by local authors. Librarians will use different guidelines for acquiring these items, and they will be displayed near the large print books. Authors will have to complete a form when submitting materials.
- *L'Impartial*, Nashua's French newspaper from 1898 to 1964, is now available through our website.
- Plaza renovation:
 - Bids are due 3/4/2020
 - Construction to start in April
 - City wants the entire 3-phase project done this year
 - Phase 1: walkway improvements, lighting, plantings, extending water and electricity to middle of plaza, remove fountain, work on concrete wall
 - Phase 2: top tier—garden/reading rooms, and performance area
 - Phase 3: playground
 - Summer concerts will probably have to be held indoors

2020 Nashua Reads update

- Will be held on Sunday, October 11
- We have a signed contract
- Announcement of author is June 6

Action Items

Sue	Find out if library staff (Jenn Hosking) would support us bringing in a kids author
Judy	Confirm with Jen M. about repairing the chairs and contact person who repaired the chairs, if necessary
Margie	Send mail to dist list about timing for Book Sale entry Friday night