

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

December 14, 2020

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Mimi Crowley
Carol Eyman
Linda Gillet
Calaan Hertel
Jenn Hosking
Vickie Hill
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Michelle Podsiedlik
Jenifer Smith
Tom Woodward

Next meeting: January 11, 2021

Welcome and intros

Review of October meeting minutes (Annual meeting in November): Approved

Treasurer's Update for October and November 2020 & Petty Cash: Approved

- November was expensive – staff thank yous, advertising,
- We received the \$5000 Ella Anderson grant
- Memberships are coming in again
- Jill will send a memo out at the end of December to library staff asking for their 2021 budget requests with return information by January 22
- PayPal: \$1260.47
- Petty cash: \$151.94

Membership:

- 143 as of December 14, 2020
- Membership letter for 2021 went out

Infrastructure Update

- Annual meeting review – our program went well, we had a solid number of attendees, and many people also watched the recording
- Staff thank yous were sent out with a gift card to Nashua Garden
- Potential book sale dates – Judy is thinking of August (we do not believe March will be feasible); Margie will research with her Bookfinder contact to see when other libraries are having sales; we can also do pop-ups outside on the Plaza starting in May
- Book donation times:
 - Monday to Thursday: 12pm to 3pm
 - Saturday: 10am to 12pm
 - People making donations need to call library main number 589-4600 when they arrive behind the building for drop off
- Program on Boston history with David Kruh – we reviewed his topics and agreed that we would like to schedule him in

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Building closed

In October the stacks in the library were reopened to the public by appointment. But then on Nov. 20 a decision was made to close the building because of the spike in COVID cases. Curbside pickup is still available, and virtual programs on Zoom are still taking place. Fines are still not being charged, and won't be until the library no longer has to quarantine materials when they are returned (which delays check-ins).

- Voter registration

The library worked with volunteer registrars from the city clerk's office to facilitate voter registration outside on the Library Plaza in October for several weeks. They registered about 2000 new voters.

- Virtual computer classes

This month the reference librarians started teaching virtual computer classes on Google apps, including

- Gmail
- Google Docs for word processing
- Google Sheets for spreadsheets
- Google Slides for presentations
- Google Forms for surveys
- Google Books for searching and browsing books

The librarians used to teach courses on Microsoft Office applications, but that was difficult to do virtually as many people did not own the software, whereas these Google apps are available

free to anyone with internet access. They continue to offer classes in Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, Craigslist, eBay, and online genealogy research.

- Union contract

The library union contract, for FY2021–2023, has been approved by the trustees and the union, and last week the Board of Aldermen’s Budget Review Committee approved it unanimously, 5–0. Now the full Board of Aldermen has to vote on it, which should happen in the next few weeks.

- Imagine Nashua

The city has started an initiative called Imagine Nashua. They are soliciting community input on topics like the arts, economic growth, housing, land use, development, open space, and transportation, and they will use the input to develop a new master plan for the city. they are holding public meetings and they have a survey posted on their website, and they’ve asked the library to help get the word out about it. More information at Imagine.nashuanh.gov.

Financial Requests/Grants

- Ella Anderson grant – we requested and received \$5000

2021 Nashua Reads

- We decided to raise our offer to our selected author and agreed through a mail vote to approve this funding
- If we are able to hold the 2021 event in person, we will charge \$10 per person and \$12 at the door
- Possible dates for the event are September 26, October 3, 10 (Columbus Day weekend), 17, 24
- Nashua schools’ collaboration – Jenn Hosking talked about carrying the Nashua Reads program into a youth component for 2022; not limit to school-library collaboration – keep it community-wide; theme for youth book based on topic of adult book – we feel we could do this for 2021, based on our top two selections; how to get copies available to kids? Introduce as part of summer reading selections; details/strategy/logistics to be worked out. Could start with a meeting with Jenn, Sue, and school library DRI.

Miscellaneous details

- Vickie prepared 8 boxes of books that will be donated to a men’s recovery facility in Manchester

Action Items

Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Bookfinder regarding other library book sale schedules in 2021
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Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact David Kruh• If we feel we need to purge inventory further, ask contact at prison if they would like more books.
Jill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send request to staff for their 2021 needs
Board members	