

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

June 14, 2021

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Elsa Conrad
Jonathan DeSousa
Carol Eyman
Linda Gillet
Calaan Hertel
Vickie Hill
George King
Elizabeth Lewis
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Michelle Podsiedlik
Jenifer Smith
Katy Smith
Tom Woodward

Next meeting: July 12, 2021

Welcome and intros

Review of May minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for May: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$45,332.73
- PayPal: \$980.70
- Petty cash: \$31.95

Membership:

- 165 as of June 14, 2021

Infrastructure Update

- Pop-Up sales
 - Our first sale on May 22 went very well; we took in over \$2000; we had plenty of volunteers
 - July 10 is our next sale with rain date of July 17 (10am -2 pm)
 - Friday set-up still possible
 - We have enough volunteers for the inside sales, but still need to determine if we can include the theater
 - We also set August 14 (rain date 21), September 18 (rain date 25), and possibly October 16
- We need to move materials out of the theater within 6 weeks
- Booktique – coming back soon (it has been closed during pandemic)
- July 14: Mary Johnson and Dr. Patty Hlava of Awaken Peace Healing: <https://www.awakenpeacehealing.com/Tips for Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Post-Pandemic Life>
- July 22: Martha Hall Kelly with Sunflower Sisters; interview with Melanie Levesque
- February 3, 2022 – program on Presidents

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Reopening
 - Library customers can now browse the stacks anytime the building is open, in the adult, teen, and children's areas.
 - The play areas and computers in the Children's Room are still closed, and story hours are still held virtually.
 - Teen computers and seating are not yet available.
 - You no longer need an appointment to use the adult computers: Use is now first-come, first-served during our normal opening hours.
 - The lower level of the library building is closed.

We anticipate restoring some customer seating soon and have started discussions with the Environmental Health department about when and how we can reopen the meeting rooms. Masks are no longer required in the library but we are still offering them to customers.

- Staffing

Ashlee Norwood, our Teen Librarian, has resigned to pursue other opportunities. Ashlee Lykansion, who has worked as a library assistant in Youth Services since 2015 and is currently nearing completion of her MLIS degree, has been appointed to replace her.

- Summer reading

The summer reading programs start June 19. Readers of all ages can log their reading online and earn raffle tickets for various prizes (mostly gift cards). Summer reading programs start next week, including Bizarre Birds of the World (for adults) and A Virtual Visit to the Houston Zoo (for kids).

- Summer lunch program

Again this year the library will be a pickup location for the summer lunch program sponsored by the USDA Food Service Program and Southern NH Services. Beginning June 16 children up to age 18 will be able to get a free lunch on weekdays from 11 am to 2 pm.

- Job Interviewing Workshops

The library is holding two workshops on job interviewing: Tips for Virtual Interviews on June 17 at 7 pm, and In-Person Interview Preparation on June 24 at 7 pm. Registrations is at <http://tinyurl.com/npllectures>. Please pass the word on to anyone you know who might be interested.

Financial requests/Grants

- Additional tent – we approved up to \$100 to purchase a tent on Amazon that will be delivered to Vickie’s house
- New iPad – we approved up to \$375 to purchase a new iPad and a case (our old iPad did not work with Venmo and we want to ensure it works with Square for use)

2021 Nashua Reads

We will make a decision at the July meeting on format for the Beyond the Book October event (virtual or in-person). We also need to think about tickets, changes in fees, etc.

The team has started exploring titles for 2022.

Action Items

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact new Amherst record store about our album inventory • Order tent on Amazon • Order new iPad
Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send notice to members about Pop-Up sale • Send email notice about the two events coming up in July
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send author marketing materials to Judy • Contact school about potentially holding BTB at a school auditorium