

## **NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)**

March 8, 2021

### **Attendees:**

Jill Angel  
Judy Blachek  
Sue Carey  
Elsa Conrad  
Carol Eyman  
Linda Gillet  
Calann Hertel  
Vickie Hill  
George King  
Anthony Maxfield  
Margie Morse  
Michelle Podsiedlik  
Jenifer Smith

**Next meeting:** April 13, 2021

### **Welcome and intros**

**Review of February minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer's Update for February:** Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$36,954.78
- PayPal: \$1227.39
- Petty cash: do not have the data to provide an update

### **Membership:**

- 131 as of March 8, 2021

### **Infrastructure Update**

- PTO response – aside from the original Pennichuck request, we had no other responses from Nashua PTOs to our invitation to get books; Pennichuck is welcome to come back; Elsa will inquire.

- We agreed to open up our offer of private sales to other large-volume buyers and to advertise this in Booksalefinder; we will up the minimum purchase amount to \$200. Judy will let Toadstool and other buyers who have already been in know that this will happen. Margie will contact Booksalefinder to ensure that we can put in this type of ad; if yes, she'll write up the rules for the ad.
- Large album donation—inventory list is available; Judy is working on getting it in alphabetical order; Judy will offer to give the list to the new store in Amherst selling albums. Jenifer offered to help facilitate this effort by coming in to assist the store representatives.
- Program on Boston history with David Kruh is set for Thursday, March 18; Carol will write a press release and will also add a survey at the end of the program for input from participants.
- Other program ideas – Mary Johnson (a long-time Friends member) is interested in bringing programs in; we are considering the following:
  - In the summer, a program with Breena Clark on her book *Stand the Storm*; (go to [TheBookCanopy.org](http://TheBookCanopy.org) for information on Breena)
  - In the fall, a program with Dr. Patty Hlava of [AwakenPeaceHealing.com](http://AwakenPeaceHealing.com) on *Tips for Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Post-Pandemic Life*
- Carol and Judy have worked to add a donation button to our Join page so people can donate to us even if they don't want to become a member (coming soon).
- We hope to begin Pop-Up book sales starting April 17 (weather and logistics permitting); we need to start putting together half carts of major categories in preparation; we will identify carts with signs and fill up as we sort. We'll post a Facebook notice two weeks ahead of the sale.
- Books for the Hillsborough County Dept of Corrections were picked up and the receivers were very pleased with content and volume.

### **Director's update (Carol Eyman)**

- Building reopening  
The library building reopened to the public on March 1, and customers seem quite pleased. At the same time, curbside pickup customers remain thankful for that service.
- Budget  
The mayor directed city departments to submit level-funded budget proposals (no increases) for FY2022, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Because of contracted salary increases, this meant cutting other areas. Cuts were proposed to programming, media, publications, and books. Money is in the proposed budget for the library to open on Sundays from mid-September until April. The library also proposed filling the vacant youth services supervisor job, combining two part-time reference librarian positions into one full-time position, and hiring four pages (all eight or nine were laid off last summer). The aldermen are expected to vote on the budget in May.
- New pass

We're offering a new pass to Bedrock Gardens. Bedrock Gardens is a 37-acre site in Lee, NH, that is transitioning from a historic farm and private garden to a public oasis of art, horticulture, and inspiration. The pass allows a family free admission to the garden. The site is open various hours from mid-May to mid-October.

- **Summer plans**

We are in the midst of planning for summer reading programs for all ages. A few smaller in-person events may be held outdoors, some will continue to be held virtually, and some will be take-n-make crafts. The theme this year is "Tails and Tales." We won't be holding concerts this summer. It's doubtful that large indoor gatherings will be permissible, and there is still uncertainty about outdoor events with audiences the size of our summer concerts. Instead, we'll start holding Nashua Reads programs in the summer and into the fall.

**Financial Requests/Grants**

We received a request from Jenn Hosking for changes in content and amount for budget requests in Youth Services programs; we approved the \$58 increase and it did not require a vote since the amount was within 5% of original ask.

**2021 Nashua Reads**

Sue met with those involved with the Youth component of our program; they have a reading list.

**Action Items**

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send notice to buyers that have come in so far about our plans to advertise private sales</li> <li>• Contact new Amherst record store about our album inventory</li> </ul>
Elsa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Pennichuck PTO to see if they'd like to come for more books</li> </ul>
Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Booksalefinder about advertising our offer to Large Volume Buyers</li> <li>• Write up rules for Large Volume Buyers</li> </ul>
Carol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write a press release for David Kruh program and add a survey for participants at the end of the program</li> </ul>
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send author marketing materials to Judy</li> </ul>