

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

October 11, 2021

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Elsa Conrad
Jonathan DeSousa
Carol Eyman
Linda Gillet
Calann Hertel
Vickie Hill
Sheila Jahnle
George King
Elizabeth Lewis
Lara Moody
Margie Morse
Dorothy Perrucci
Michelle Podsiedlik

Next meeting: November 8, 2021

Welcome and intros – we met new library staff member Holly Klump, Program and Marketing Department

Review of September Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for September: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$41,236.57
- PayPal: \$737.04
- Petty cash: \$151.94

Membership:

- 187 as of October 1, 2021

Infrastructure Update

- Vickie and her team will build the 3 new carts that came in
- We received bookcases from June Lemen (thanks June!)
- The Booktique is back! Located just beyond the elevator; we would like to hang a new, larger sign on the wall behind the new location for identification; we discussed using one of our banners, but determined that could sag, plus Carol suggested it would be nice if the sign matched the other library signs; Carol will investigate
- Halloween staff costume contest is on Thursday, October 28 at 3pm; Vickie and Lara volunteered to be judges and Judy will also ask Sue; if Sue is unavailable, Margie may be available. We offer the following prizes; 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30, 3rd- 20 and fifteen \$10 for remaining participants ; we already have \$200 in budget and approved \$50 more
- Staff appreciation – 41 gift certificates needed at the local establishment we selected; board should complete thank you cards by early November
- Annual meeting on Monday, November 8, program is Mind Games
 - Judy will create slide show of accomplishments
 - Sue Carey is managing the request for nominations for First VP and Treasurer
- We need to schedule a work day to handle albums, move bookcases, move books; possibly October 23
- Large volume buyers – We hope to have our March sale, so we need to decide whether or not we hold any more large-volume buyer sales; if yes, these would stop by December 20
- October 25: Judy will be on Community Connections to talk about the Friends (WSMN, 1590 AM and 95.3 FM at 9am)
- Member incentive baskets – will meet to prepare in December
- Judy would like to keep our monthly meetings virtual until at least Spring; we all agreed

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- Parking hearing

The City of Nashua is conducting a downtown parking study. The final product of this study will be a parking management plan for Downtown Nashua. The public is welcome to give their input at a hearing October 20 at 7 pm. You can attend in City Hall Auditorium or by Zoom: bit.ly/Nashua_parking

- Art Gallery

We are looking for artists to exhibit in our Art Gallery in 2022. Interested artists should submit an application by October 31. More information is available at nashualibrary.org/news/call-for-artists-3

- Landscaping

The library is soliciting bids for a contract landscaping service to handle ongoing maintenance of the grounds.

- 50th anniversary

Plans are continuing for a celebration of 50 years in the Court Street building. During November and December there will be an exhibit of library artifacts and a slideshow of photographs in the gallery, a banner will be hung on the building, and a special “anniversary edition” library card will be available.

- Winter Programming

We are making plans to hold some smaller programs in person at the library beginning in December and January. Larger programs and computer classes will continue to be held virtually until the spring quarter. If the library is closed due to snow, all programs, including virtual ones, will be canceled.

- ARPA grants

The library has applied for a \$10,805 American Rescue Plan Act to fund Family Place training for Kat Gatcomb, supervisor of youth services, and additional equipment for pop-up libraries and the Play and Learn workshops that are part of the Family Place model of service. Award notifications will be made on December 1.

- Maker space

Plans are underway to create a maker space in the Children’s Room, to support literacy, STEM education, and increased library use by tweens. It will include materials and equipment for art, building, coding, and science activities. It will be funded by trust funds and open in January.

- Candidate forums

We’ve held two candidate forums for the board of aldermen, with a third for the board of education scheduled for October 21. Between attendees and video views, 505 saw the aldermen-at-large event and 185 saw the ward aldermen forum.

Financial requests/Grants - none

2021 Nashua Reads

- 128 people have signed up so far

Action Items

Board	Complete staff appreciation thank-you cards by early November
Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact new Amherst record store about our album inventory• Slide show for annual meeting• Send out notice for October 23 work day
Carol	Investigate new sign for Booktique
Jill	Get cash and Dunkin Donut cards for Halloween contest and gift cards for staff appreciation
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage board nomination requests for annual meeting• If available, judge Halloween contest
Vickie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage the build of new carts• Judge Halloween contest on October 28
Lara	Judge Halloween contest on October 28