

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

September 13, 2021

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Calann Hertel
Vickie Hill
George King
Lara Moody
Linda Gillet
Margie Morse
Michelle Podsiedlik
Tom Woodward

Next meeting: October 11, 2021

Welcome and intros – we met Kat Gatcomb the new Youth Services Supervisor

Review of August minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Update for August: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$44,995.83
- PayPal: \$1258.67
- Petty cash: \$151.94

Membership:

- 181 as of September 13, 2021

Infrastructure Update

- Pop-Up sales
 - Set up for September 18;
Friday at 3:00pm: Vickie, Calann, Margie, Linda
Saturday: All day – Vickie, Margie, Judy, Calann
9-12 – Jenifer, Jon

10-12:30 – Louise Breen

12-2 – Chloe, Sheryl, LaQuerre

2-3 – Alec

Marjorie Bollinger available, but time not set yet

Elsa can help in afternoon too

- Please check FB pages that advertise our sale and comment
- Need new carts – we approved \$600 for up to 4 carts
- Staff appreciation – JaJaBelles AI: Judy will get number and staff names (\$20 each)
- Annual meeting is Monday, November 8; program is on Mind Games; use this link to register for the annual meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocOCspz8rHdX6J5wmgapFianAPccmHFIT>
- Request for nominations for the First VP and Treasurer; Sue Carey is managing, so send interest to her (sj:) – Sue received from Jill Angel for Treasurer and Jenifer Smith for First VP

Director's update (Carol Eyman)

- New library hours took effect September 7
 - Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
 - Saturday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 - Sunday: 1 p.m.–4 p.m., except some holiday weekends. Curbside pickup is not available Sundays.

On Fridays the building is closed and curbside pickup is not available, but staff answer the phone, email, and chat.

- Fines for overdue items, which were suspended during the pandemic, resumed starting September 7.
- All the meeting rooms have reopened
- Summer reading programs statistics:

Adults:	191 readers, 329,563 minutes
Teens:	174 readers, 229,067 minutes
Kids:	354 readers, 241,392 minutes
Birth/Preschool:	74 readers, 27,930 minutes

- Miscellaneous

Meghan Cloutier from Youth Services has resigned. There are now two open positions for library assistants in Youth Services.

Once again the DCU has made a generous donation, \$7,500, to the library. This money will be used to support library services throughout the year.

We received over 400 responses to our strategic planning survey. Focus groups are being held this week.

Computers and seating have returned to the Children's and Teen rooms.

Financial requests/Grants

- Ella Anderson grant sent on September 7
- Bedrock Gardens pass - \$80 (Due between Feb and May 2022, so add to next year's budget); a patron had donated, do not know if that patron will want to continue to donate
- Carol – put in an additional financial request for \$400 for Facebook advertising – approved

2021 Nashua Reads

- Lisa is developing questions for the author – she has asked us for input
- Carol will put together an early technical rehearsal
- Jill is sending off final payment to author (they did not make an adjustment for virtual; we will consider changing our contract wording for virtual events)
- We are talking about 2022 author options

Miscellaneous

- Will library staff do costume contest in for Halloween?

Action Items

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact new Amherst record store about our album inventory• Check back with Jen on when our Booktique will be back and where it will be located• Judy & Carol will work with MS Forms to develop way to use them in virtual events.• Find out names for staff appreciation
Margie	Send email to dist list about Strategic Planning Survey
Jill	Bedrock Garden Pass for next year's budget Get cash and Dunkin Donut cards for Halloween Costume contest

