

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

February 15, 2022

### **Attendees:**

Jill Angel  
Judy Blachek  
Sue Carey  
Elsa Conrad  
Mimi Crowley  
Jonathan DeSousa  
Carol Eyman  
Vickie Hill  
Calann Hertel  
Myra and Gary Janko  
George King  
Mary Kormanos  
Margie Morse  
Jenifer Smith  
Tom Woodward

**Next meeting:** April 11, 2022 **NOTE: No meeting in March due to Book Sale**

\*\*Reminder to register for the 2022 meetings at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcu6rqDliH9zeRF0HiM1BQNMnC6xvKkUI>

### **Welcome and intros**

**Review of January Minutes:** Approved

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

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: \$47,064.59
- PayPal: \$2323.86
- Petty cash: \$151.94

### **Membership:**

- 130 as of February 15, 2022

## Infrastructure Update

- The February 3 Presidential Landmarks program was a success.
- United Way Nashua Nor'easter Run/Walk Fundraiser – the team raised just over \$1000; the Friends get 80% and United Way gets 20%; we will decide in a future meeting if we want to spend this money in a specific way.
- Member incentive baskets winners
  - Entertainment: Brian Duggleby
  - Book Was Better: Nick Dahl
  - True Crime: Betty Graham
  - Cooking: Sara Duggleby
  - Mysteries & Thrillers: Dolores Lemay
  - Friends' Picks: Gail Donahue
  - History: Alfina Ringleben
  - CDs: Holly Klump
  - Cozy Mysteries: Anne Moran
  - Family Movie Night: Pat Riddle
- We requested new Booktique signs for the top of the shelving and approved up to \$125 for 3 signs.
- BIG books – As discussed in the previous meeting, a book publisher is offering oversized children's books and Sue Carey reached out to teachers in the Nashua School district to see if there was interest there. She created this form: <https://forms.gle/pPwjvDEGs1Lbr4Jx8>. Judy will coordinate this effort with the United Way, which is where we heard about the offer.
- There will be a work "party" on Saturday, February 26, for any hours between 10:30-3PM to clean up our room and get ready for the book sale.
- March book sale
  - Volunteer schedule for prep
    - Tuesday fiction move out 6 to 9pm
    - Wednesday music move 6 to 9pm
    - Thursday kids, movies, old books move out 6 to 9pm
    - Friday final prep 1 to 4pm
    - Friday sale 4 to 8pm (Carol)
    - Saturday sale 9 to 5pm (Holly)
    - Sunday sale 1 to 4pm (Carol)
    - Sunday break down 4 to 6pm

NOTE: We will need enough volunteers to surveil during the hours when the library is closed but sale is going on, to ensure attendees shop in sale area.

NOTE: Crowd capacity issues for be discussed before the sale: Should we have aisles be one-way? How do we manage overcrowding? Should we manage/control bringing out our inventory?

- Judy sent a request to the National Honor Society for student assistance, but has not yet received a response yet; Sue will take Judy's contact names and reach out also.
  - Tables, Holman sign, Sneeze guards approved.
  - Our ad in Booksalefinder.com was approved and is live; Margie will add one line about adhering to Covid-19 protocols.
  - Lawn signs – Judy is working to secure a volunteer to manage the task of putting out our signs; this effort will be hindered by snow and frozen ground.
  - We will have water for shoppers on Friday night, but no food as in the past for safety/hygiene, but there will be food for volunteers in staff lounge (Margie – olive tapenade and crackers; Sue – cheese and crackers; Mary – spinach pie; Vickie – cheese and crackers; Jenifer – veggies and dip; Judy – cookies. We agreed to have breakfast (bagels and a fruit tray) on Saturday for volunteers, plus coffee and tea.
  - We will do the teacher offer of a free box of books on Sunday – Sue is confirming with union rep that this is ok.
  - Point of Sale credit card system – Judy will set up.
- We are considering Ted Reinstein with *Before Brooklyn* as a summer author.

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

- The Mayor's Winter Reading Challenge continues through February 28. As of this afternoon we had logged 369,109 minutes of the 550,000 minute goal, with 13 days to go. If you want to participate, it's not too late; go to [nashualibrary.beanstack.org](http://nashualibrary.beanstack.org).
- We have a new library assistant, Lori Silva, in the Youth Services Department. She previously worked at Basic Beginnings child care center in Nashua, near the FAA.
- Our spring programs are all planned. Some highlights: We're starting a speculative fiction book group for adults; the Children's Room will hold lots of outdoor storytimes, and we'll have Dungeons and Dragons for teens. For young adults ages 17 to 30 we're having a series of workshops on managing your money, and we'll be hosting Laura Knoy, formerly of NHPR, for a program called Building Civic Strength.
- You may recall that we're no longer producing a printed calendar of our events, but they are all on our web calendar, and soon we'll be printing bookmarks listing spring events.
- In April we'll start offering NextReads newsletters. These are newsletters of book recommendations in different genres, like fantasy and sci fi, history, home and garden, NY Times bestsellers, and kids and teen books.
- The trustees have approved the new strategic plan for the library; it will be posted on our website soon. Thank you to everyone who helped out by participating in focus groups or surveys.

#### **Financial requests/Grants - None**

**Miscellaneous** – there is a Gender diversity and pronoun program on Thursday, February 17.

## 2022 Nashua Reads

The committee has made the selection and the author has accepted; working on a date – choosing between Oct 2, 16, 23, 30.

### Action Items

Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Send volunteer sign-up sheet</li><li>• Send note about library being closed on Preview Friday so no early arrivals (details still being worked out)</li><li>• Add line about Covid protocols to booksalefinder.com ad</li></ul>
Judy	Miscellaneous book sale tasks, including securing a lawn sign volunteer, food for Friday night volunteers, bagels for Saturday morning, etc.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check with union rep on teacher offer of a box of books</li><li>• Reach out to National Honor Society contact for volunteers</li></ul>