NPL Friends Meeting

June 13, 2022

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
Vickie Hill
Calann Hertel
George King
Sarah Leighton
Jennifer McCormack
Margie Morse
Jenifer Smith

Next meeting: July 11, 2022

Welcome and intros

Review of February and May Minutes: Approved

Treasurer’s Update for May: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU account balances total: $61,132.84
- PayPal: $1768.89
- Petty cash: $151.94

Membership:

- 218 as of June 13, 2022

Infrastructure Update

- Pop-Up book sale debrief – went well, beautiful weather, needed to charge the Square device.
- Go Daddy info@nplfriends.com – question about email Judy received that said it was expiring; turns out it was probably spam since the Board distribution list still works.
- Teacher discount to join Friends – a new member suggested this, but we determined that we already give them discounts and offer deals at our sales, plus we haven’t raised our rates in 15 years.
Next Pop-Up dates are August 6 and September 17 (Margie will these dates add to Booksalefinder and Center for the Book online ads).

Summer author: Katie Clifford Larsen on August 10 (*Rosemary the Hidden Kennedy*)
- Carol used to write ads for events, Jen will assign someone; Sue will send Jen Katie’s bio and picture

Our annual meeting is tentatively set for Sunday, November 20; we are working on a couple of options for programming.

We continue working on our vast inventory by making book donations to the Hillsborough prison and well as sales to Scott’s warehouse, & this summer making donations for Nashua library pop-ups at fairs, etc.

Update on Rivier service hours – Judy looked into getting help. The initial person she contacted said our volunteer opportunity was not a good fit for her department, but she would pass on the information to the athletic department. No one has gotten back to Judy thus far.

**Director’s Update – Jen McCormack**

- The elevator has been reprogrammed so call button won’t call police or fire department.
- The library has hired a new maintenance person, Dan Bello, who previously worked at City Hall.
- The new programming and marketing librarian, Pam Baker, will eventually take over as liaison to the Friends; Jen will be our link until Pam ramps up.
- There is a teen intern for 6 weeks, Eliana (part of mayor’s intern program).
- Pride Festival is happening on June 25 on library grounds; parking lot will be closed all day.
- There are 12 Pop-Up Libraries planned over the summer in city neighborhoods; several of these will happen at the same time as United Way Food Distribution. Attendees can get library cards, touch base on Summer Reading, etc.

**Financial requests/Grants**

- Approved a new projector (for just under $2000) for the theatre to show movies.

**2022 Nashua Reads**

- Sunday, October 2 for Beyond the Book: *Dark Tide* by Stephen Puleo.
- Announcement was June 4 at our Pop-Up, plus the author did a video.
- Lisa will do interview.
- Toadstool will sell books.
- The Event has been registered and people can sign up.
- At this point we plan to hold the event in person; we will not charge a ticket fee this year; ask for a donation or to join Friends. Will still need to register everyone in case it has to go virtual.

**Action Items**

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