NPL Friends Meeting

January 9, 2023

Attendees:
Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
Linda Gillet
Vickie Hill
Sarah Leighton
Jen McCormack
Margie Morse
Jenifer Smith
Sarah Widhu

Next meeting: February 13, 2023

Review of December Minutes: Approved

Treasurer’s Update for December: Approved

Review updates only:

- DCU December account balance total: $56,158.80
- PayPal: $701.48

Membership:

- 70 as of January 9, 2023
- Reminder to update your membership!

Infrastructure Update
• Black Heritage Trail program – Judy has contacted and is waiting to hear back.
• March Book Sale – time to start planning and scheduling for our big sale (March 17-19); we are open on Friday – 4-8PM (and will go back to including food for the Preview); Saturday – 9-5PM; Sunday - 1-4PM; will ask for 30 tables from city; Margie will set up advertising on Booksalefinder.com

**Director’s Update – Jen McCormack**

  
  This additional funding means we may be able to complete the full project although it almost certainly means that construction will not begin until 2024.

• The Winter Reading Challenge kicked off on January 1st. We have a community goal of 350,000 minutes read before the challenge ends on Feb. 11; there is a fun progress tracker in the lobby at the library.

• The annual puzzle swap is happening all week! Come bring a puzzle you’ve finished and pick up a new one to try. We have plenty to go around so if you don’t have one to swap that’s ok, you can still take one home.

• This Saturday is the “seed packing party” for our new seed library: the party starts at 10, come help us get the seed packets ready for the library launch in February.

• Book retreat on June 3: The library is deciding between *Girl on a Train* and *Nomadland*.

**Financial requests/Grants**

• The Friends Board approved via email $400 for the Jeff Rapsis program on Sunday, January 8.

• Because someone wanted to donate to us through their employer, we registered for automatic payment from Fidelity’s charity arm.

• Stage backdrop – Judy asked Pam if library could let us know how they want it designed; work in progress.

**2022 Nashua Reads**

• We will announce the 2023 title at the summer book retreat on June 3.
Miscellaneous

- Sarah L. noted that the link on our Facebook page to our website does not work.

### Action Items

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| Judy | Get another DCU Debit card  
Research Black Heritage Trail Program  
Check the link to our website on our FB page |
| Margie | Send minutes for posting  
Advertise Book Sale on Booksalefinder.com |
| Sue | Send video of “reading pics” to promote Mayor’s Reading Challenge |