NPL Friends Meeting

October 10, 2022

Attendees:
Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Carol Eyman
Calaan Hertel
Vickie Hill
Jen McCormack
Margie Morse
Dorothy Perrucci
Jenifer Smith
Sarah Widhu

Next meeting: ANNUAL MEETING on Sunday, November 20, 2022
There will be NO MEETING on November 14

Welcome and introductions

Review of September Minutes: Approved

Treasurer’s Update for September: Approved

Review updates only:

• DCU account balances total: $62,713.68
• PayPal: $830.02

Membership:

• 231 as of October 10
Infrastructure Update

- Pop-Up planning for 2023
  - Some volunteers felt like they did not have enough to do
  - Level of activity ebbs and flows so it can be difficult to maintain a steady level of work for volunteers
  - How many Pop-Ups should we have next year? Should we consider inside Pop-Ups?
  - We’ll revisit this issue after the March sale

- Call for Nominations! – 3 positions
  - President, 2nd VP, Secretary
  - Jenifer Smith, our 1st VP, will handle this task. Email nominations should be sent to the board at board@nplfriends.com.

- Staff Halloween costume contest – Jen will float this event to staff and let us know by October 13 if they will hold it; Sue, Vickie, and Margie volunteered to be judges.

- Annual Meeting – Sunday November 20
  - Judy booked the British servant program – Your Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction, and Film
  - Meeting/event will start at 2PM
  - We will substitute the annual meeting for our November 14 meeting
  - We will provide treats; Judy – cookies, Sue – something pre-made, Margie – tapenade and crackers; water
  - Board – please bring staff thank-you notes
  - Payment to Ann McClellan – we agreed on and voted on terms; she will bring her book to sell

Director’s Update – Jen McCormack

- The plaza renovation plans need to be modified due to deterioration of some portions of the existing hardscape so construction is likely postponed until Fall, 2023.
- I will be joining the Great American Downtown board, replacing Carol Eyman.
- The October Trustees meeting has been postponed to Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7 PM, during which the architects will be presenting their report on the facility assessment. This report will also be presented to the Board of Aldermen at a special meeting on Tuesday, 10/25 at 7 PM in the Aldermanic chambers.
Financial requests/Grants

- Stage back drop update: we need to give them the logo and designs; will give info to Rachel (does it stand up on it’s own? Carol wondered for when we don’t use a stage).

2022 Nashua Reads

- Debrief of 2022
  - Our first live event back was very successful
  - 140 attendees
  - 4.9 out of 5 star rating
  - Books with Toadstool – want to ensure tighter communication around expectations; also, they are giving the 20% discount to attendees not to us now, so how are they a sponsor? We will ensure that Pam copies Sue on communications with Toadstool. Do we need an agreement/contract in writing?
- Announcement of 2023 date – waiting on contract with author, so cannot announce date yet.

Miscellaneous

Action Items

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