FINANCES: Current balance is $16,149.52.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) BOOK SALE: $1570.10 profit despite bad weather of first two days and fewer books. Secretary Ann Cramer will send a note of thanks to the Library Board of Trustees for their help in filling the holes in our Sorting, Selling, and Cleanup shifts. Several patrons commented that our setup was good and very customer friendly.

(2) CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MAY 13, 10 AM – NOON: We still need more individual Friends to donate $25 per basket. Before this meeting individual members had donated $125 and our Friends group had donated $200, but all items for baskets have already been bought by Children’s Librarian Tara Montoney for a total of $1000. So members able to do so who have not yet donated are encouraged to mail or give in person the $25 per basket to Meghan ASAP. Members interested in volunteering to help set up or assist with Book Fest activities should also contact Meghan.

(3) BLING FLING will be the first or second weekend in June. Although we have some unsold items from previous sales we need fresh gently used items such as scarves, jewelry, wallets and purses, fancy little mirrors and picture frames, etc. Craft vendors unable to sell at last winter’s Cookie Walk will be approached to participate. The possibility of adding a Plant Sale to Bling Fling was briefly discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) SHELF MARKERS: As the library’s shelving is wooden instead of the standard metal shelving used in most libraries, our choices are limited and expensive. Clip on labels for the 58 shelves would cost at least $973.82 from a library supply company. Meghan will report back on alternative Plexiglas labels from non library sources at our next meeting.
(2) TOTE BAGS: Friends present decided on size and color; 13 x 13 or 12 x 12 inches in dark green with white library logo. As 100 totes could cost $200 - $220, we would need to charge more than $2 per tote to make even a tiny profit. Meghan will bring more information and/or samples to our next meeting. Our 10 leftover totes will be sold at a discount during our Fall Book Sale.

(3) SPRING BOOK SALE IN MARCH OR APRIL? To be discussed at our next meeting.

NEXT FRIENDS MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 16 AT 7 PM.

Meanwhile, please consider donating toward the gift baskets. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cramer
Secretary