In the absence of Library Director Meghan Molloy, Secretary Ann Cramer ran the meeting. (Meghan was at United Way's Annual Volunteer Recognition to sponsor the library’s Volunteer of the Year, Karen Kelley with her wonderful reading helper dog, Miss Martha. Miss Martha could not attend due to her dislike of clapping but got her very own Award Certificate).

We were very pleased to welcome back stalwart member Said Ghaly.

**FINANCES:** Current balance is $15,179.42.

**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS SPELLING BEE SATURDAY MARCH 25** at 10 AM in the Waterloo HS Auditorium. Friends Ginny Konz, Joyce Lohr, Peter Snyder and Alternate Barb VanKirk will again represent the library. Come cheer them on and bid on Literacy Volunteers silent auction.

**BOOK SALE APRIL 5 – 8:** This week is preferred by Meghan to allow enough time before two May Friends projects detailed below. There will be no Bake Sale until Election Day.

Signup sheets will be passed around at our March meeting. Many Friends volunteered to sort and set up at the Fall Book Sale but then didn’t show up. One member had to sort alone for 3 days whereas if there had been blanks in the Sorting schedule any gaps could have been filled ahead of time. Please, if you sign up to sort be sure to attend or arrange for a substitute yourself. Thank you. Inmates will bring the books down from the attic.

Deb Driscoll noted that one Fall Sale patron was in a wheelchair and had difficulty navigating it between the book tables. Where possible we should try to leave enough space between the tables for wheelchairs and large strollers.
BLING FLING FRIDAY MAY 12  5 – 8 PM. Jewelry donations have been coming in all year and the library is looking for donations of more jewelry, purses and wallets, scarves, hats and gloves/mittens, ties, small mirrors, jewelry boxes, etc.

CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL in late May: Actual date will be determined later in consultation with featured author. Individual Friends are again asked to donate $25 per themed book and toys basket so Tara can make up enough baskets for the Festival.

TOTE BAGS: As we still have 10 – 15 of the green and black tote bags at the Circulation Desk, it was agreed to sell them at a reduced price at the Book Sale. Price can be settled at our March meeting. Suzanne has reported from the Circulation Desk that many patrons want to buy inexpensive shopping bags similar to those sold in grocery stores for $2. These patrons want a bag to carry their armloads of borrowed books home in and will buy another when the first wears out or rips. They do not expect to use them for camping or as a purse. Meghan will bring catalogs for this kind of tote bag to our March meeting for further discussion.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

The Next Meeting Is Tuesday, March 21. Be ready to sign up for the Book Sale, and please be collecting Bling Fling items and of course good books and DVDs for our Sale. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cramer

Secretary