We netted $6719 from the book sale.
As Discover Books has filed for bankruptcy Gary has submitted an official claim for the money they owe us from the books they picked up after the November 2023 book sale.
Gary also pointed out that Bumblejunk, a removal company, donated 8 boxes of books for the spring sale.
We had two new members join today : Carolyn Colburn and Dan Feldman

Old Business:

1. Review of the Spring Book Sale:
The people working on the first Friday generally agreed that the dealers were well-behaved and things could not have gone any smoother.
The bag sale went well with no problems with the Weiss bags breaking.
The Maryland Book Bank, a non-profit which distributes books picked up 65 boxes of books on Tuesday around noon.
Nancy Jay moved that we donate $200 to the Boy Scouts for moving our tables and other supplies back and forth from the shed. Debbie seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Carol gave us an update on the new electric sign. Mary Hastler has decided that instead of building a step up to the raised area around the sign that it would be safer to just remove that raised area. That process will be time consuming. Scott Gentile, the person overseeing that project says it should be done by the end of this year. That part of the construction will be paid for by HCPL.

3. We discussed the memorial book for Nan Shull. Debbie moved that we purchase three books (as Nan was Vice-President for many years). She suggested the 2015 Caldecott book “Kittens First Full Moon”, the 2005 Newbury book “Whittington and the first book in the Warrior series by Erin Hunter. John seconded that motion and all were in favor.
4. Summer Reading began on June 1st with the theme “Adventure Begins at Your Library”. The summer reading opening celebration will be held on Monday June 17th. It will be at Bel Air from 10am until noon and here at Havre de Grace from 1 until 3. The Havre de Grace friends will have a table at both locations where we will display pictures of some of the library activities which we have supported as well as some of the crafts created at those activities. We will also have the notecards from the anniversary quilt for sale. The library staff has several fun activities planned so we are encouraged to spend some time here that day.

New Business:

1. Jamie reported that Schooner Cove was closed last weekend to receive some sprucing up. They do have permission to add a gate to the entrance to Schooner Cove but the installation may take a while. Guest presenters for the summer reading are scheduled for June 17th (Science) and July 3rd (animal visitation). The summer meal program starts on June 17th as well. Finally, the library will be closed on July 6th for the Havre de Grace parade.

2. Fall Book Sale: Collection – October 25th and 26th
   Set-up – October 28th thru 31st
   Sale – November 1st thru 9th
   Clean-up (packing left over books) – November 12th
   Book Pick-up – November 13th

   Sign up sheets will be available at our August meeting.

3. Dan Feldman asked us to explain the difference between the library itself and the Friends group. He also wanted to know how we raised our money and how we spent it! Several people answered those questions for him.

The next meeting will be August 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary