

Friends March meeting 3/13/23  
5 members present

Many thanks to Jill Fieldstein who generously donated her time and the cost of filing for our incorporation. It is done! She is now working towards our 501(c)(3) non profit status.

The February Harney Tea Basket raised \$182- that's a new high for our basket fundraiser. The March basket fundraiser donated by Unrefined Beauty is on display in the library. Check it out and be sure to spread the word to increase our raffle sales. The April basket fundraiser is a spring themed one. It is a selection of spring flower seeds with 2 decorative holders, gardening gloves, small pot seed starters and will include a gift certificate to Orlando Family Hardware.

We are working on getting a checking account. The Board of Trustees has suggested we take over the old friends checking account and would leave all the money that we have raised so far into it. That would give us a starting balance of \$1525- I deducted the donations of \$560 that we raised through the applications, I assume that people were donating to the library and not the Friends.

Saturday March 25th is our craft swap with the library. Lisa has requested volunteers to work on separating the different craft items onto different tables in the community room. You can come in anytime from 10am until 8 pm to help set up.

We've started planning for our Library Benefit Tag Sale and Spring Indoor Market. We have reserved the hall for Saturday April 22nd to set up the hall and Sunday April 23rd for the actual event. I will put out an ad on town facebook page, a vendor seeking page and festival.net asking for local vendors. We had an offer from the girl scouts for a basket donation, I counter offered a table at our event. They will be setting up a table to sell their girl scout cookies. I gave them a table for free so that we could attract more people to our event and to help benefit the girl scouts.

Start looking for items to sell at our tag sale. Tammy and I have agreed to be at the library to accept any donations on Mondays from 11am-12pm and from 6pm-7pm starting on April 3rd. I will be posting it on the town page after the craft event is over. Please ask friends and family to donate any items that they are looking to spring clean out of their homes to sell at our event. I will word it as : **Accepting donations of small new or gently used items- no clothing please!**

We went down to the hall with Lisa to determine how many tables we would be able to set up. I don't think we should have a bake sale because I would like to attract some vendors to sell their products. We determined a price of \$25 per table for the vendors- that's the price that the ladies auxiliary charges for their events. If successful, we can discuss rates again for our next event. I would also like to purchase about 10 lawn stake signs for the event.

Future fundraising ideas were discussed.

I have requested information on a bulb sale from Flower Power Fundraising- they give us 50% on all sales, no upfront costs and supply us with our own website, brochures and order forms. People could order from the website or use an order form. Still waiting on the info packet.

Book sale in June? Last year's was held Friday June 10- Sunday June 12. I will be asking Lisa and Heidi for more information from last years event to present at the next meeting. I would need to reserve the hall for Thursday through Sunday. We would require school volunteers to move the books to the hall, then we would need to sort and set up all the tables. We've also decided to hold an early admittance on the Friday morning that would cost \$10-\$20- price to be determined at a future meeting. We also discussed having a private hour for the Friends and will definitely allow the Friends to get two free books.

Next meeting date Monday April 10, 2023.