Spring is here with its fluctuating temperatures. Good weather to go fly a kite with the wind, too. February was our annual meeting. Membership voting approved new Bylaws and elected the following officers and Board of Director; Merri Bottorff, President; Clete Leverett, Vice President; Bree Robinson, Secretary; Carol Noll, Member-at-Large. Norma Stiegel joins Linda Campbell with the officers as the Board of Directors. The BOD elected an Advisory Council, approved Standing Rules and in March approved an updated Internal Controls Policy. Missing from the roster is a Treasurer. The search continues.

Successful fundraising events were two one-day book sales in February and a three-day sale in March ending with the ever popular bag sale on Saturday. 44 bags were sold. Remaining color-coded books, audio books and DVDs were weeded out after being in multiple sales. Color codes or dots now are blue, the new, red. We have received a large amount of fiction over the past 2 weeks. An adult fiction only bag sale will be held Saturday, April 27. Genres are mystery/suspense/ horror, general fiction, sci-fi/fantasy, and romance. There are multiple carts of each.

The April meeting was the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. A pizza party was arranged by members of the hospitality committee. The highlight of the meeting was a power point reveal of the 2019 Wish List presented by Ann Zydek, Library Director. Extensive, there was exciting open discussion with questions answered by Zydek and Anna Jackson. Jackson won the drawing for a free one year dual membership. Ian Martin drew her name from the four Rate Your Date slips turned in from the Blind Date with a Book sale. All participants received a box of candy from the Buffalo Street Emporium. The hospitality committee announced Hacienda Restaurant will be having a 20% give-back to Friends on May 8 all day. Tokens (coupons) are available at the library.

Friends recognized National Library Workers' Day on Tuesday, April 9 during National Library Week by providing them with a Pizza Party. Sincere appreciation and thanks was genuinely expressed from all of them!

Like daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, new ideas have sprouted and are blooming among Friends and library patrons. Spring, a time of renewal and new beginnings. We are eager to begin the planting process 'after the threat of frost'!